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## Probe sought in alleged illegal firing, hiring of govt employees

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The NMI Retirement Fund board has directed its administrator, Richard Villagomez, and its legal counsels to seek the help of the Office of the Attorney General in looking into suspected illegal terminations and rehiring of government employees following disclosure that there are indications that this exists in some autonomous departments.

Fund legal counsel Carolyn Kern disclosed to the board at its recent meeting that the Fund has "a number of reasons to believe" that some autonomous agencies are coercing their employees to resign, then manufacturing false documents to effect an immediate rehiring at exactly the same salary, sometimes on the very next day.

Kern pointed out that by taking employees out of the defined benefit plan and then putting them under the defined contribution plan after being rehired will

result in big savings for these autonomous agencies. She explained that under the DB plan, the employer must put in 51 percent contribution, compared to only 4 percent if employees are in the DC plan.

The names of specific autonomous agencies were not disclosed at the meeting.

Kern said that agencies that terminate employees cannot re-hire them in a matter of a few days or weeks and must advertise the vacant positions to justify the need for them to be filled.

Under the law, a government employee who resigns cannot return to government service within six months.

Kern said that some employees might be happy with what is being done but others may not be so happy and have no other recourse but to do what their em-

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## NMC: All set for casino referendum today



**» Two-day early voting yields only 158 participants**

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The Current Issues class of the Northern Marianas College is all set for today's first ever casino survey in an attempt to gauge public opinion on a proposal to allow casinos on Saipan.

Czarina Jucutan, the class' central committee chairperson, said yesterday that the referendum aims to draw in the participation of at least 60 percent of the over 12,000 registered voters on Saipan.

The results of the referendum are

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MONETH G. DEPOSA

Two students cast their votes yesterday at Northern Marianas College for the casino referendum this year. Organizers of the survey said that only 158 individuals participated in the two-day early voting on Wednesday and Thursday. Today, the group expects at least 60 percent voter turnout.

## 'Limited funds, weak laws contribute to crime epidemic'

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Austerity measures, lack of funds, and laws that don't really deter criminals

have contributed not only to the recent spate of robberies against tourists but a rise in crime in general throughout the island, according to Public Safety Commissioner Ramon C. Mafnas.

"We only have so much human resources, so much physical resources, and so much fiscal resources so even if we wish to increase the number of patrols, we won't be able to do it because we

only have so many men," said Mafnas yesterday.

The DPS chief, along with other police officers, went up to Capital Hill yesterday.

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## 'Fitial can make 5 appointments to Judiciary'

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With the retirement of Miguel S. Demapan as chief justice of the CNMI Supreme Court in September, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial can actually make five appointments to the Judiciary.

Two lawyers told *Saipan Tribune* that the five appointments can be realized if Fitial will nominate either associate justices Alexandro Castro and John Manglona as the new chief justice.

This scenario may also occur if the governor appoints Superior Court Presiding Judge Rob-

ert C. Naraja to fill the associate justice position to be vacated either Castro and Manglona, said the two lawyers, who both asked not to be identified.

Fitial can then appoint any among Superior Court associate judges Kenneth L. Govendo, David A. Wiseman, and Perry B. Inos to become the new Superior Court presiding judge.

The governor can then make the fifth appointment by filling up the associate judge position that will be vacated if whoever among Govendo, Wiseman and Inos is named presiding judge.

Fitial had already made the

first appointment—attorney James Norita Camacho—to replace then Superior Court associate judge Ramona V. Manglona, who is now the chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

The two lawyers said that Fitial will be short of achieving five appointments if he decides not to elevate either associate justices Castro and Manglona to be the new chief justice.

The lawyers said the governor can appoint any attorney—not just a sitting judge or associate justice—to be the new chief justice.

## Flores eyes transforming Sugar King Park into a wildlife garden

Mayor Donald G. Flores is looking at bringing in iguanas and other animals to inhabit the lush greens at the Sugar King Park, transforming a portion of the area into a wildlife park and garden to lure in visitors and serve as a place where residents can spend time with their families.

Flores said his staff recently spruced up the park in preparation for the peace ceremony at the Katori Jingu, located within the park's premises.

According to Flores, the park could further promote the CNMI's tourism industry if it could be developed and feature different species of ani-

mals such as iguanas.

"The park would draw more tourists to visit the place if we could have something unique to offer there like wildlife," he told *Saipan Tribune*. "It is also a beautiful place where families can bond with each other after work, on weekends and holidays."

The famous Sugar Train from the Japanese era should also be rehabilitated, he said, to make Sugar King Park more attractive.

Flores said that he already talked with Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio so that their offices can work on making these plans come true. (Clarissa V. David)

## New band program at MHS

Students of Marianas High School can now explore their talents in music following the decision of school management to open the Dolphin Band Program next semester.

MHS principal Cherlyn Cabrera said that band instruments have already arrived and a qualified instructor has been identified to spearhead the program for freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior students.

Cabrera said the course will be offered as part of the school's electives and will be housed at the school's gymnasium. Both the band program and physical education program will be housed at the same site temporarily but Cabrera said a permanent venue will soon be identified for P.E. activities.

Cabrera said they decided to offer the new program due to the interest shown by many students last school year. She disclosed that former principal Craig Garrison initiated the program in collaboration with Saipan Southern High School's Manta Band music director Will DeWitt. Under the program, students will learn to play classical band instruments; advanced sessions will be offered later depending on the interest of students.

"We're very excited about this new band program and we've been working with Mr. DeWitt on how we can properly develop our program," she said.

At present, only SSHS has a band program. (Moneth G. Deposa)



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# USCIS: Parole status does not allow an alien to work

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**U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services**

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services recently clarified that an alien worker has no authorization to work in the CNMI based solely on parole extended to him or her by the federal agency after the expiration of umbrella permits on Nov. 27, 2011.

"Parole status does not allow an alien to work. Employers need to file the CW petition or nonimmigrant petition for workers by Nov. 27, 2011," said USCIS Regional Media Manager Marie Therese Sebrecchts in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

The USCIS clarification comes after reports that a number of alien workers have the mistaken belief that the parole they received allows them to continue working in the Commonwealth and in effect extended their employers' deadline to submit their CW-1 or other non-immigrant visa applications to Jan. 31, 2012, the expiration of their parole.

"An alien with an umbrella

permit is only allowed to continue working for an employer after Nov. 27, 2011, if the employer files for the worker before the end of the two-year transition on Nov. 27, 2011. The CW petition needs to be filed while the worker has lawful status and work authorization in order for the alien to continue working. If a CW is filed after that date, the worker will not be able to work while waiting for a decision on the CW-1 application," said Sebrecchts.



Sebrecchts

She added that parole and work authorization must also be current for a worker to remain legally in the CNMI and continue working while awaiting a decision on an H-1B or other nonimmigrant employment-based petition.

Without parole and work authorization, the USCIS official said an alien worker is unable to work and must leave the CNMI to wait for a decision outside the U.S.

Sebrecchts said alien workers should also not wait for a decision on their parole extension before applying for CW or other non-immigrant visas.

"Employers are reminded that for those workers who were paroled until Nov. 27, 2011, they need to file the CW

petition before that date and should not wait for extension of the parole. The regulations require that parole status be valid at the time of filing and after filing parole status must be kept current. As we announced many times, USCIS is prioritizing our workload,

so beneficiaries of CW petitions who need extension of parole may be processed until close to or after Nov. 27, 2011. It is important for employers to go ahead and file the CW petition and not wait for the confirmation of parole extension," added Sebrecchts.

By the end of last week, USCIS has received a total of 102 petitions CW involving a total of 169 workers, she said.

Sebrecchts, meanwhile, said paroled alien workers petitioned by their employers for a non-immigrant visa other than CW still need to apply for pa-

role extension.

"The CW applicants are the principal ones who are unnecessarily taking up InfoPass appointments needed by others in the CNMI. As there are no changes to any of the parole instructions, it wasn't necessary to list them," she said.

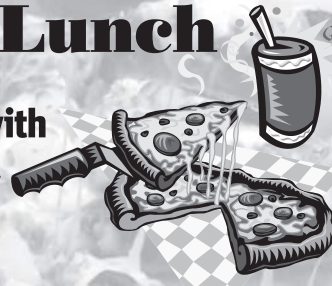
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# Pacific Islanders, American Indians are most predisposed to diabetes

## » 141 new diabetes cases in 2010

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The Diabetes Prevention and Control Program said that Pacific Islanders, which includes Chamorros and Carolinians of the CNMI, are people most predisposed to diabetes.

Program manager Grace L. Tenorio said that Pacific Islanders and American Indians have the highest percentage of elevated blood sugar relative to population in her remarks during yesterday's proclamation signing to designate

November as Diabetes Prevention & Awareness Month.

"The percentage is 30 percent that have an elevated blood sugar. Meaning they're pre-diabetic, borderline diabetic, or have diabetes. Going along with World Diabetes Day, we in the Pacific along with American Indians have the highest diabetes rate in the U.S. The U.S. then has the highest diabetes rate in the world. That means we have the highest diabetes in the world—the Pacific Islands, American Samoa, and the American Indian population," she said at the proclamation signing held at the Governor's Office conference room on Capital Hill.

Tenorio said in the U.S., only 10 percent of the population has an elevated blood sugar.

She said the epidemic of diabetes in the Pacific is caused by lifestyle changes, adding that prior to the war, she was told that there was no diabetes in the Pacific.

"Why? They were eating off of the land, having fish, they had a healthy lifestyle. Look at the pictures of people from before the war, they were slim. They—our ancestors—were actually practicing prevention without knowing it."

Backing Tenorio's call to combat non-communicable disease are latest statistics, which show that 141

new cases of diabetes were reported at the Commonwealth Health Center in 2010—boosting the total of diabetes patients diagnosed with the illness to 949.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, who signed for Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, said like tourism, "diabetes prevention is also everybody's business"

"I call upon all citizens to put their health first throughout their lives and embrace a simpler and healthier lifestyle. I also call upon the CNMI's private institutions to aid in the prevention of diabetes by promoting and making healthy goods and services accessible and affordable to all citizens," said Inos.

He also encouraged the community to take part in CNMI Diabetes Day set for Nov. 14, from 4pm to 6pm at the Oleai Sports Complex track and field.

Diabetes coalition member John Gonzales, who read the proclamation, said one factor contributing to the diabetes epidemic is that "most of our consumable goods are imported because it's a matter of convenience."

Meanwhile, Coalition for Anti-stigma of Mental Illness' Kaye Christian said she recently observed that diabetics taking insulin no longer need to take it if they go on an all-raw diet. In addition, "if they exercise, they don't need to go on dialysis anymore," she said.



MARK RABAGO

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos is joined by diabetes coalition members during yesterday's proclamation designated November as Diabetes Prevention & Awareness Month.

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day morning to take part in a hearing conducted by Rep. Ralph S. Demapan's (Cov-Saipan) Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee.

Mafnas came to DPS' defense after a string of robberies against tourists from Oct. 10 to 27 dominated newspaper headlines and left a black eye on the islands' reputation as a tourist destination.

Mafnas said the "epidemic of crime" can only be prevented if adequate resources and funding are provided DPS.

"What can we do? That's ultimately

the bottom line. We can increase our presence in these areas and the only way we can increase our presence is to have more personnel and more vehicles to support these operations and funding for the officers out there. ... We're also looking at technology because I believe that technology can assist us in law enforcement," he said.

Mafnas also called on the Legislature to amend the CNMI's current laws to set a minimum jail time for crimes.

"We need to toughen up laws because I think the recent spate of crimes has become an epidemic. I think we should make it more stringent so there could be a degree of deterrence there...

it's very short, some of the sentences. The intelligence we've received is that some prisoners are asking their fellow criminals to postpone their operation because they will be out soon," he told the panel.

To add to DPS' financial woes, its funding was decimated by the resources used in the search for missing sisters Maleina and Faloma Luhk. "We spent \$500,000 from funds that were identified to purchase vehicles in the search for the Luhk sisters," admitted Mafnas.

While he understands why the CNMI needs to carefully consider how long criminals should be kept behind bars

because of the added expenses, Rep. Antonio Sablan (Cov-Saipan), however, believes that the community is fed up with robberies and burglaries.

"People are not safe anymore in leaving their residences because they feel someone is in the boonies just waiting for them to get out and they come back 30 minutes later and find something missing from their residences. I know it's a tough situation because of what everyone is faced with but I think we have to eventually make a decision and I refer to the 'three strikes and you're out concept; that a lot of communities have put in their books," he said.

Mafnas said he shares Sablan's sentiments. "We spend a lot of money if you imprison them because you spend a lot of money on the facility, maintenance, man hours, food. ... We have to feed them, we have to clothe them, we have to buy shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, you name it. It's costly. We're also required to provide counseling treatment. We have doctor there, a nurse, a psychiatrist. It's very costly but I think it's worth keeping behind bars what we call recidivists—these people who continue to repeat crimes and re-

turn to the system."

"Some of these criminals are career criminals. They don't have anything to do. That's all that they do! They make a living off breaking and entering and stealing and that's been made clear by them. That's what they know. They have become proficient in their style and *modus operandi*," added Mafnas.

Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio, who also attended the hearing, said the agency currently provides security to only five tourist sites: Banzai Cliff, Grotto, Bird Island, and dive sites in Laolao Bay and Obyan Beach.

He said one solution they devised is reducing security by one hour each from those five sites and reallocating those hours to other tourist areas.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, for his part, said the Fitial administration's planned meeting with MVA and DPS to try and put a stop to the crime epidemic has been postponed to next week.

"We've had scheduling conflicts and decided to reconvene on Monday. We will meet with them and we already have a preliminary draft and action plan," he said.

## NMC

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non-binding.

The early voting on Wednesday and yesterday garnered only 158 voters. Jucutan is hoping for a higher turnout in today's survey, which is from 8am to 5pm.

Based on Commonwealth Election Commission records, Saipan has a total of 12,527 registered voters as of Oct. 14: District I, 4,130; District II, 1,192; District III, 3,175; District IV, 1,694; and District V, 2,336.

Voters may vote by going to their designated precinct poll stations:

- The NMC Building D for residents of San Antonio, San Vicente, and Kolblerville areas;

- The Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center for voters from Susupe, Chalan Kanao, Oleai, and Garapan.

- The Legislature's lobby for voters from Tanapag, San Roque, Capital Hill, and Northern Islands; and

- The Kagman Community Center for Kagman residents.

Like regular elections, the survey process will be in compliance with CNMI election procedures. The ballot has only one question, answerable by a "yes" or a "no": Shall there be casino gambling in the Third Senatorial District (Saipan)?

Election Commission executive director Robert Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that all four agency personnel and the board chairperson will provide technical assistance to the NMC students to ensure that proper procedures and guidelines are adhered to.

"CEC will serve as an advisory council to the students in the entire process. All four employees will be at the polling sites [today] to provide technical assistance," he said, adding that prior to the actual survey, CEC worked with the students and briefed them on the proper procedures in conducting the activity.

Jucutan said the Office of the Public Auditor has already confirmed the

participation of its four employees who they will be fielded to each of the polling sites.

NMC has yet to receive any confirmation from the Office of the Attorney General as of press time yesterday if it will also participate in the process as an observer.

Jucutan said that students will serve as the activity's poll watchers and they will tabulate the ballots after the 5pm closing of all polling places.

Dubbed as an advisory referendum, poll results will be submitted to the Senate to guide senators on their next steps relating to present and future casino legislation. The survey is being conducted at the request of Senate President Paul Manglona and Sen. Ralph Torres.

Saipan voters first rejected the casino initiative in the 2007 election.

In the Commonwealth, casino operation is only allowed on Tinian.

Advocates of Saipan casinos claim that this industry will save the dwindling economy of the island.

## PROBE

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ployers want.

Fund officials said their "initial findings" are based on the record of members who are coming in and going out of both the DB and DC plans.

After hearing these revelations, board chair Sixto Igisomar directed Villagoomez and the Fund attorneys to formalize their findings and officially present them to the OAG for legal action.

If the findings are proven true, this would also mean violations against the governor's directive that bars rehiring of resigned government employees, according to Igisomar.

In his directive No. 281, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said that "effective immediately, because of funding constraints, these shall be no rehiring of former government employees who have already resigned from government service. Please ensure that all employees who are contemplating resignation are properly informed of this directive."

# Froilan: Fitial had every right to veto local casino bill

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Rep. Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) doesn't believe the lawsuit filed in Superior Court against Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's veto of the local Saipan casino bill will prosper.

"I can understand why [Rep. Joseph M. Palacios] did it but I don't think it will go too far because the governor has every right to veto any bill. I don't like it that he used the language that he vetoed it because it's unconstitutional. To me, that's not a good reason," said Tenorio, a former governor.

Rep. Palacios (R-Saipan) sued the governor on Oct. 28 to have his House Local Bill 17-44, enacted by the Saipan and Northern Islands Local Delegation, be declared by the court as a Commonwealth law.

Tenorio said he was hoping that Fitial would sign HLB 17-44 into law and then leave it to the courts to decide its legality.

"Although the governor had every right to veto the bill, I don't like it that he used that reason that it would be unconstitutional because that's not his job to decide. It's the courts'. I also don't like it that the attorney general advised

him not to sign it on that basis either. The attorney general has no business doing that," said Tenorio.

He said a good example of letting the courts decide the legality of a measure is the enactment of the Patient Protection and Affordability Care Act of 2010 or Obamacare.

"Obamacare was a product of U.S. Congress. More than 50 percent of Congress is made up of lawyers but none of them spoke up and said 'hey this bill would be unconstitutional.' No they agreed to get it into law and had President Obama sign it and now 26 states are suing on the basis that that act is unconstitutional. That's my point. It's not the governor. It's not the attorney general. It's not I who

was supposed to decide on the constitutionality of any act any law. It should be the courts," said Tenorio.

## New casino bill, NMC survey

Tenorio, meanwhile, has contrasting views on a Saipan casino bill that Rep. Ralph S. Demapan (Cov-Saipan) plans to introduce and the survey on Saipan casino operations that students from Northern Marianas College will conduct today.

"I support Demapan's bill 100 percent. If we pass that bill on both houses of the Legislature the governor will not have any justification to veto it because it's an act of the Legislature. It would be a CNMI law. I happen to agree that in

order for us to legalize casino on Saipan it has to be a Commonwealth law or a local initiative," he said.

Tenorio said he does not support the survey and took the opportunity to take a swipe at the Senate, which thumbed down his casino bill last year.

"NMC has no business conducting that survey. I don't pay any attention to it. Whatever the result I don't care. You know why we're doing it, only to satisfy the Senate. Why should the Senate be concerned about casino on Saipan? Why should they be concerned about how people on Saipan feel about casino?"

Like Tenorio, the Fitial administration is not sold whether the survey is the proper avenue to gauge interest on a

local casino bill.

"While the administration supports a profitable and revenue-generating casino industry, it would prefer that this question be posed to the voters in the form of an actual referendum instead of a census or poll. Certainly, there will be questions raised by the proponents or opponents based on the outcome of the result. Some of these issues at hand...will be the number of participants that turn out, or safeguards in place to prevent multiple voting or census tampering. For the most part, there will be much interest centered on how the public sentiment would be measured if not all registered voters participate in this survey," said press secretary Angel Demapan.

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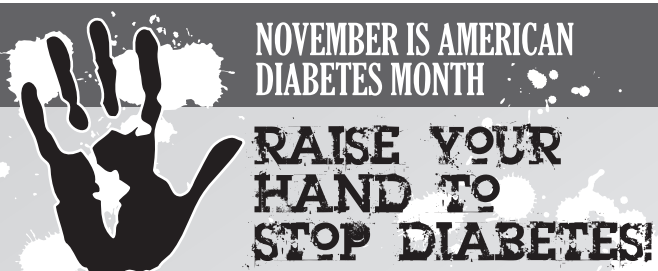
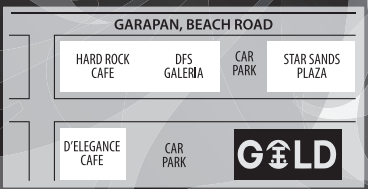


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# My life is going to change

»Thoughts and feelings of Kristine Valencia: an American teenager

*Editor's Note: The following story, as related to Frank Gibson, is the start of a continuing series of stories related to the effects of the new federal immigration policy, as seen from the personal perspective of people who will be affected by those changes. Future stories will explore these effects not only among alien workers but also local residents, employers, etc.*

My life is going to change. Yes, I know—things change every day—but you like to think that you have some control over the decisions and that you can make most changes for the better. The ones that you don't have control over are usually accidents and disasters. Well, the changes com-

ing into my life are outside of my control and I'm afraid that they might be disastrous—at least to my life-long dreams and plans.

I'm 16 and now into my junior year at Marianas High School. I was born here. I grew up here. All of my friends are here and all that I have learned and experienced happened here. My family is here; my four younger sisters and a younger brother, also all born and raised here, and my mother and father. We picnic on the beach, we swim in the lagoon, we enjoy the company of friends from a variety of ethnicities and cultures. This is home. I am an American from Saipan. When people ask me my nationality, I say, "I'm an American." When they ask me where



I'm from, I say, "From here, Saipan." My bloodline may be Filipino, as others here may be English, German, Chamorro or Spanish—and I am proud of it—but I am an American.

Of course, my mother and father weren't born here. They are both from the Philippines, and that appears to be the problem. They have been here 20 years now and my father has been employed every day of it, working hard, paying his taxes, driving within the speed limit, doing all of the things that a good citizen does—without being a citizen of course. They have taught me and my siblings to be good citizens. Like me, they have enjoyed the beaches, the restaurants, the friendship of many people here, and the pleasure of a good community. Saipan is also their home.

No, I guess I can't say that, can I? Saipan has been their residence for 20 years, as it clearly cannot be their home. My father's employer wants him to stay and is going through the process. So maybe he will be continued, maybe not. His company values his presence and has done its part. It's now up to the USCIS. If his petition is not approved, he will have no choice but to leave his "residence" and return to his "home." If this happens, I will probably "go" with him—not "return to MY home," though. Regardless of how proud I might be of my heritage, the three weeks out of my 16 years that I have visited there does not make it my home. My home is here, even though it seems as if we are not welcome to remain.

This is not being written for sympathy. I guess it's written more out of anger that this is happening to me, my family and all of the other kids and families in similar situations, in compliance with the laws of the United States. The United States that I and my brother and sisters, and all of the other US-citizen-kids are citizens of, the United States that supposedly guarantees us the privileges and immunities of citizenship, protection from being deprived of our life, liberty, or property, and promises that we will not be denied the equal protection of the laws. I'm obviously not a lawyer and I'm sure one would tell me that none of this really applies to our situation. All that I can say is, if all of these privileges, rights and protections don't apply, then something is wrong. They should.

Anger—yes, but I am also writing out of my disappointment. This is not a situation that could not have been anticipated. Both my birth-community and my government knew that my brother and sisters and I and all of the other U.S. citizen children with non-U.S. citizen parents were here. Why wasn't it anticipated? This isn't a case of someone flying in or crossing the border to have a U.S. citizen baby. Our parents were invited here, legally, to work for the benefit of the community, which they did, providing skills and services that the community needed and could not fill internally. They provided these

services, not in temporary positions for short periods, but in permanent jobs, as the USCIS is now identifying the positions for CW-1 visas. If this had occurred in the mainland U.S., an avenue to citizenship would have been available. Why were our parents used, ignored, and now discarded?

And we were born here, U.S. citizens, growing up as American kids, going to American schools, speaking American English, dreaming the same dreams as other American kids and making the same plans as other American kids. Until now—now our lives are going to change and those dreams may die and those plans may never have a chance to come to life.

It appears that many of us will have two choices to make—or rather, our parents will—as we are still just children, U.S. citizen children.

One possibility is that we leave—leave our friends, our community, our home—and, in my case, go to live in a small town in Bulacan province, outside of Manila. I will restart my junior year in school, at an age when most Pilipino kids have already graduated. I will graduate in two years as an American kid with a non-U.S. high school diploma, hoping to somehow gain acceptance to a U.S. college with my non-U.S. diploma, with little hope for the scholarships that I could have received here. The consequences of this option will be similar for all of the other U.S. citizen kids.

The other choice is that my parents find a guardian for me here and I stay and complete high school here, hopefully gain acceptance to a college in the mainland or start with our college. The cost of this choice is that I spend those next two years without by brother, sisters, and parents. I love my family and would be miserable without them. Will my country look out for me in their place?

Why is my country doing this to us? Why wasn't this anticipated? Again, this isn't a sudden situation that just popped up out of nowhere. Something could have and should have been done earlier. Don't misunderstand me. I recognize and appreciate Congressman Sablan's ongoing efforts, but that overused phrase fits this perfectly—it's too little too late. Why aren't our community leaders concerned and fighting for our futures? Why aren't our President and our country concerned? Concern is shown over whether a U.S. citizen terrorist has rights, but no one seems concerned over whether thousands of innocent U.S. citizen children have rights. No concern is shown that the United States will lose the potential of thousands of U.S. citizen children as they are forced to leave their country over the next few years.

But we do have rights, don't we? Yes, we have the right to make a choice—our dreams or our family? Which should I choose? Which would you choose? Why are we being forced to make such a choice?

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All proposals must be submitted to the DCCA Office of the Secretary no later than Thursday, November 10, 2011, 4:30 p.m. A copy of the grant general requirements/conditions, subgrantee responsibilities and other scope relating to the funding can be obtained at the DCCA main office in Capital Hill. For additional questions or inquiries, please contact Vivian T. Sablan, CSBG Program Coordinator, at 664-2550/1/9 or Mr. George Fitia at the DCCA Main Office at 664-2576.

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## Palacios warns employers who refuse to hire U.S. workers

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Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) is urging private sector employers to follow standard U.S. labor requirements amid speculations that companies amplify job qualifications to make U.S. workers unqualified.

"From what I heard, some of them tend to exceed the qualifications. I hope that they don't forget that they are at U.S. soil and comply with U.S. standards. Don't try to create your own," Palacios said during Wednesday's job fair sponsored by the CNMI Department of Labor.

According to Palacios, employers should hire U.S. workers "if they're qualified." If not, private companies are encouraged to work with entities such as the Workforce Investment Agency, which allows remunerated training for potential employees, he added.

"If they are seriously serious about hiring U.S. workers, then compromise. Work with the government, work with them to really show that you're making an effort," said Palacios, adding that these employers should take advantage of available programs.

Northern Marianas Trades Institute counseling and outreach coordinator Ray Alvarez, Jr. said their school is primarily focused on providing skills training for "hard hat trades" such as construction, plumbing, and welding so that U.S. workers can also apply for jobs in these industries.

"Certification is key right now," he said.

CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan echoed Palacios' sentiment on the need to start training U.S. workers as CNMI-only transitional workers "are going to be zeroed out eventually."

"Now is the time to invest in U.S. eligible workers," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*. "Bring them in and train them because they'll be your most important resource."

Sablan also reminded U.S. workers about the importance of work ethics. "Employers need their workers to come to work prepared, on time, and to actually work."

Palacios also questioned some of the companies that participate in government-arranged job fairs only to show their involvement yet do not actually have positions available for U.S. workers.

"I personally feel that they're just here because they just want to show that they're participating. But are they hiring?" he asked.

Palacios warned employers "that tend to circumvent the law" and "intentionally" make U.S. workers unqualified for available jobs, saying that "they will get in trouble."

"Be in compliance, follow the requirements, be honest and fair," he added.

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Nov. 4, 2002

### GHII privatization an 'old' issue

The administration of former Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio has recognized that maintaining health insurance would result in an aggravated financial difficulty by the government. This is why he established the Healthcare System Review Commission as early as 2000. The commission, however, became defunct when the Babauta administration took the helms of power in the CNMI government, leaving the recommendation shelved. Richard Ludders, a member of the defunct commission, disclosed this, saying that the commission had already recommended that the CNMI government privatize the government's health insurance program. The Group Health and Life Insurance Program is being managed by the Northern Mariana Island's Retirement Fund.

### Land compensation draft rules, regs up for approval

The Land Compensation Task Force has finished its fifth draft, which is up for approval this week by the Marianas Public Lands Authority Board of Directors. MPLA Deputy Commissioner Henry Hofschneider said the proposed rules and regulations will be submitted for the board's approval during its special meeting on Friday. "We'll make the draft available. We'll ask the board to review and adopt it on November 8," Hofschneider said in an interview. He said the agency had brought in other people, who made recommendations and suggestions. The completion of the rules and regulations is a requisite in the release of funds for land compensation.

Nov. 4, 2003

### NMI gears up for Veterans Day ceremonies

The Office of Military/Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Day Committee yesterday extend invitation to the members of the community to join in the remembrance of war heroes who have lost and risked their lives in the name of freedom. "We are reminding the public to come out and join us as we celebrate and honor those brave patriots who, with unwavering dedication and purpose, sacrifice their personal comforts to keep the world safe, and secure the freedom we enjoy," organizers said in a media statement. The main ceremony for this year's Veterans Day celebration will be held at the Rota Veterans Memorial Park 's Songton beach area on Nov. 11, 2003. The ceremony is expected to begin around 11am.

### NMC to lobby for funding in January

Citing a "lameduck" Legislature, officials of the Northern Marianas College have decided to postpone their legislative funding lobbying for January 2004 when the new elected lawmakers are sworn in. In a meeting Friday, when the NMC board approved a \$150 increase for all adjunct faculty effective spring 2004, the board noted the need to convince the Legislature of the urgent financial need at NMC. The NMC felt that it failed to persuade the Legislature during its recent protest rally in efforts to restore a \$1 million cut in its 2004 funding. The dialogue actually gave lawmakers, particularly Speaker Heinz Hofschneider, the chance to lecture the NMC staff and students about the NMC's shortcomings as a community college.

Nov. 4, 2004

### Senate approves hemodialysis bill

The Senate voted 8-1 yesterday in favor of the \$5.8 million reprogramming of funds for the completion of the hemodialysis center on Saipan. The measure, House Bill 14-258, aims to shift \$5.8 million from the pending Kagman wastewater project to complete the Public Health and Hemodialysis project. The bill also transfers \$2 million from the Dandan sewer project or the expansion of the Agingan sewer treatment plant to the Kagman III road paving project. Sen. Luis Crisostimo, who voted against the bill, said he could not agree to the use of funds that have already been allotted to another important project.

### New online guide aims to improve college access

The Pathways to College Network has created a systematic, research-based online resource to help schools and college outreach programs increase the number of students preparing for postsecondary education. College Readiness for All: A Practitioners Toolbox helps educators learn what works from research and examples, assess their present situations and plan change, access resources for implementing their plans, and monitor progress toward achieving the goal of college-ready high school graduates. The toolbox is available without charge on the PCN website at [www.pathwaystocollege.net](http://www.pathwaystocollege.net).

# Fitial wants loan guarantee for middle school project

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has asked the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. to look into Section 108 of the Community Development Block Grant program to finance the construction of a new junior high school for the Public School System.

The loan guarantee provision of the CDBG program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Section 108 allows local governments to transform a small portion of their CDBG funds into federally guaranteed loans large enough to pursue physical and economic revitalization projects.

NMHC planner and grant writer Jeannie Mafnas said at yesterday's board meeting that the governor is "adamant" about tapping this provision since it will allow the agency to borrow "up to five times" of the CDBG funding they receive every program year which equates to some \$4.1 million.

Mafnas said the repayment period for Section 108 is up to 20 years, with "interest rates on interim borrowing priced on a three-month London Interbank Offered Rate" known as Libor, "plus 20 basis points which is 0.2 percent."

## Sotomayor sets Guam, NMI visit

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor is scheduled to visit Guam and the CNMI on January 25-30, 2012 to attend the annual conferences hosted by the District Court of Guam and the District Court of the



Sotomayor

Northern Mariana Islands.

Guam's 2012 District Conference is cosponsored by the Guam Bar Association and the Northern Mariana Islands' 2012 District Conference is cosponsored by the CNMI Bar Association. In addition, the Judiciary of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands Judiciary are assisting the federal judiciaries in hosting the conferences.

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Justice Sotomayor was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court in 2009 and is the court's 111th justice, its first Hispanic justice and its third female justice. (PR)

According to Mafnas, NMHC will have to pay back the Section 108 financing using future CDBG funds.

Board chair Marcie Tomokane noted that the source of repayment for Section 108 "will hold all future CDBG program for other projects in the region" possibly up to six years.

With the governor's request to use the Section 108 provision, Mafnas said NMHC officials are scheduled to meet with Education Commissioner Rita Sablan on Nov. 10 "to finalize things and see what our next approach would be."

Should a decision to use Section 108 be made, Mafnas said it

will take about six months to process the application, given that NMHC would have to follow the citizen participation requirement, which includes conducting public hearings and publishing notices in newspapers. She said the "long process" will take about six months.

Mafnas reported to the board that there is no final cost yet for the construction of the new middle school at a private lot in Koblerville purchased by the NMHC. The site was chosen to allow the new school to share amenities and resources with the nearby Saipan Southern

High School.

Tomokane also raised concerns during the meeting that, although NMHC has five years to spend the CDBG funds amounting to \$824,363 for the construction project, having the purchased lot sitting idle will

not give the agency "a good report card" with Housing and Urban Development.

Mafnas, who disclosed that the latest quote they received from PSS and CIP is \$8 million for the building construction alone, noted that they can only

borrow up to \$4 million under Section 108.

Tomokane said the board should know how many classrooms will be built for the new school and its corresponding

cost. "We don't want to borrow that \$4 million if we don't have the full scope of work with the total estimate cost, how much it will take to finish the entire project," she added.



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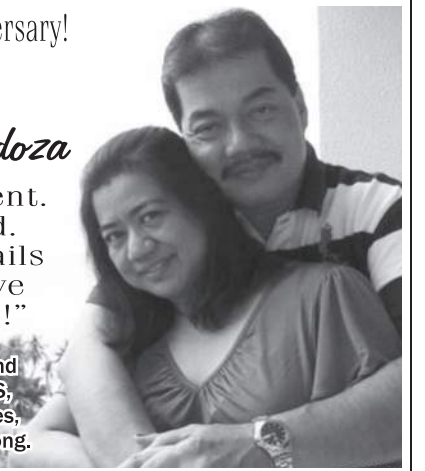
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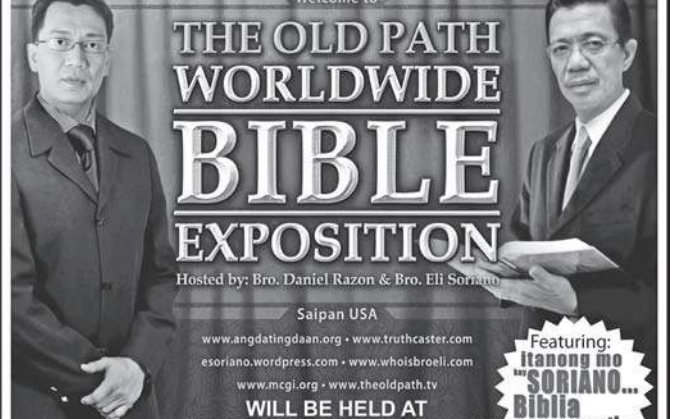
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## EDITORIAL

### Using the United Nations

In past decades, Palestinian nationalists thought they had to hijack planes or blow up Israeli civilians in order to attract international attention. Some still do, but moderate leaders are lately discovering that the path to recognition might lie instead through the United Nations. On Monday, they won a key victory when Palestine—a state that doesn't technically exist—was granted membership in the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. That's giving the Obama administration fits and angering pro-Israel members of Congress from both U.S. political parties, but regardless of how one feels about the proper borders of Israel, the Palestinian switch to a diplomatic strategy represents progress.

It is also working brilliantly, if the Palestinians' goal is to bring attention to their cause. The UNESCO vote showed that it is the United States and Israel, not the Palestinians, that are internationally isolated. The U.S. was on the losing side of a 107-14 vote in favor of membership, with 52 countries abstaining, including staunch U.S. ally Britain; another close European ally, France, voted in favor of the Palestinians. That result came in spite of a fevered campaign by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton to shore up support in foreign capitals for the U.S. position.

Because of laws passed in the early 1990s that bar American funding for any U.N. agency that grants membership to Palestinians, Washington must now withhold \$80 million from UNESCO, about 22% of its budget. That's of little immediate consequence.

UNESCO, which runs anti-poverty, educational and cultural programs around the world, is a low priority for Washington, which pulled out completely from 1984 to 2003, and other countries will probably step up to fill the agency's budget hole.

But the success is likely to embolden Palestinian leaders to seek membership in agencies with much bigger impacts on U.S. interests, such as the World Intellectual Property Organization (which helps protect patents and copyrights and is of great importance to Hollywood and Silicon Valley), the International Atomic Energy Agency, the World Health Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization. That would force the U.S. to pull its funding from, and eventually lose its membership in and influence over, these bodies.

The anti-Palestine laws should be repealed. What's needed are policies that would encourage the Israelis and Palestinians to settle their differences at the bargaining table, but these laws exert no such pressure, have little impact on U.N. votes (possibly because the loss of U.S. funding doesn't pose as big a threat as it once did) and could greatly reduce American influence around the world. Political reality being what it is, we have no expectation that Congress will do the right thing. The likely result will not be a more peaceful Middle East, but a more isolated United States.

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## Bigotry in paradise

As a member of the host community, I find it very humiliating how the fate of our friends (guest workers) has escalated into incendiary commentaries, fuming with heavy racial overtones.

This is very unbecoming of a community known for its Christian values it has learned from Spain over 400 years ago. It became a matter of religious tradition on the islands since then. But then there are those who have never outgrown adolescence.

To date, I still see young kids trooping to catechism after school to learn their initial prayers. Many of us have gone through the same. We learned our religion well, including a sense of compassion for our fellow man. It requires a sense of maturity to learn being tactful and calm in emotional situations, including employing the adage, "There are things best left unsaid."

There's obviously a lot to learn about separating people from issues. Our guest workers understand their limit is fortified by finding an employer. Otherwise, U.S. immigration law doesn't leave much to maneuver. Many have accepted their fate ready and are willing to return home. That some have sought court remedies is a matter of due process rights given that each is legally situated. Friends, our needs, aspirations, and dreams are all the same. Cut the shameful display of racial bias. It doesn't help anybody at all.

After years of being spoiled royal weeds, we've learned to abuse them in terms of their real wages, timely payment of salaries, forced parenthood as live-in-maids while we head to happy hour and do so as though we own indentured slaves. These underpaid workers handled most hard work in submission. Most are good in their trades and professions, having done vocational training and attained degrees from institutions of higher learning. But their qualities and needs as human beings were drowned in our sea of bigotry. I quite can't figure out how being a Chamorro grants me superiority over others.

I mean, how do I match Ivy League educated administrators and professors from the University of the Philippines with my high school diploma from once Hopwood Sr. High? How do I measure up to Monte Mayor, a famous writer who excels in philosophy? But each of these guys has also served as my sources for heavy reading materials. Mayor explained the concept of logic while I struggle to explain his explanation. It's a difficult concept and had to return to his book to understand the basic tenets. I am a mix bag of Pinoy, Chamorro and Carolinian and darn proud of it.

By happenstance, I walked into a huge hardware store in Manila. There were rows of the latest TV sets, modern appliances and gadgets, among others. As I was browsing around, I ran into a man who introduced himself as Roland DelRosario. We exchanged felicitations and he invited me to dinner at his palatial spread in a new for-wealthy-only real estate development. He exports to Europe, the Middle East and nearly all of Asia. He rakes in millions while I

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live paycheck-to-paycheck, crafting words that occasionally pay for beer to drown my sorrows.

In short, I have seen the best in the Republic of the Philippines and am not ready to boast of superiority. Though an island nation, it is a sovereign country. The country has advanced applied technology that genetically engineered coconut that produces fruit in two short years. It has become an industry in itself. They catch the sap and turn it into pellets and syrup, both of which are sweet but without sugar. It is sold in Japan to the diabetic community.

What have we produced other than boast about a new dialysis center paid for by U.S. taxpayers to help locals cleanse their toxin-filled blood as a result of kidney failure? Isn't true that we also send critical patients to Manila because the local hospital isn't sufficiently equipped with the back-up system to handle critical medical cases?

With a sense of humility, let's retreat and allow our Christian values and compassion to guide us through civility and community harmony. It's the right thing to do. Now, most would be gone and the question is: Are we ready to do the hard work they'll leave behind? That will be the day, huh? Will it be a happy or dreadful beginning getting our hands dirty for the first time in a long time as lord weeds?

I've also learned a little gardening from one of China's best of seven farmers. He taught me where certain crops should be planted, how to pick pumpkin tips, how to harvest green onions and tomatoes, etc. Come to think of it, he made sense all the way around. He said I should strive to produce the most marketable items first so I get quick return on my investment. The rest like taro, bananas, sweet potatoes and yams are seasonal produce. But hotels and restaurants demand fresh green onions, cucumber, green pepper, string beans, solo papaya, honeydew, water melon, etc. And I thought I was an expert on diversified farming!

The NMI is riddled with problems it created out of its own leadership deficit—inadequacies at the helm and lack of vision. We now sit flat on our buns pondering if there's a slight chance of an accidental

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## Revenge of the brain spider

**E**arly November is when I start trying to knock the following year's schedule into place. This time around it's rough going. For starters, my wife hid my stash of Halloween candy, resulting in a very uncomfortable nutritional deficit. How can I face 2012 without a brace of Snickers bars at hand? How indeed? I'm starting to feel positively undermined.

And for another thing, many *Saipan Tribune* readers are going to have their pocketbooks undermined next year. I think 2012 will be the year when a lot of economic risks really start to show up and smack us around. So let's glance at next year, out of nervous reflex if nothing else, and then we'll take care of some recent business here.

It's not just the world's mainlining of toxic debt at issue now, but it's the structural distortions created by the debt. So even if Santa Claus paid off all the debts in the entire world with a magic credit card, we'd still be left with a lot of economies that can't walk straight.

And this debt thing isn't just a phenomenon of Western democracies looting themselves into decadent oblivion. OK, it's mostly that. But there's also some debt weirdness lurking in industrial Asia's realm, too. It's likely that industrial Asia, 2012, is going to look different than industrial Asia, 2011, does.

There are other factors to heed, too, such as geo-political and military factors, as the world seems determined to keep the front pages lively. Our neighborhood in the west Pacific is growing potential flashpoints like zits on prom night. I hope everything stays cool, real

cool, in this realm, but even if it does it will be a very tense cool.

If there's one certainty for the coming year it's that Saipan's overall approach to economics will remain entirely emotional. So if you're looking for some stability in this topsy-turvy world, some constant that you can always count on, well, there it is.

The emotional tone of things drives my colleagues totally bonkers. But I like it. I consider it a certain kind of Saipan charm, a magical rainbow of soaring unicorns and sparkling sunshine. Why not? Beats the heck out of staring at equations all day. But, as charming as it is, there can be pitfalls in the long run. Namely, from what I've seen in emotional venues, when economic scarcity finally becomes a reality, then everybody gets mad at everybody else, and that's not very charming, is it?

So I'll channel some Kipling: "If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you." Well, if you can, I think you'll be better off than most.

Ah, but I'm getting ahead of myself now. So that's enough glancing ahead at 2012. After all, we've still got some unfinished business to attend to, namely picking up the trail from last week's column in a little project that took on a life of its own.

The whole thing got started when a reader e-mailed a query about one of the English language's wackier eccentricities, namely its inventory of words that sound alike, but which aren't spelled alike.

So I wanted to list a few such words. A few, I say. But the brain spider I unleashed on my head dug up 131 examples by last week,

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65 of which I printed in this space.

Which brings me to this week. The list now stands at 152 examples. Enough already! I am going to run out and buy a celebrity gossip magazine so I can follow Kim Kardashian's latest exploits, which will hopefully push this word list out of my head for good.

In the meantime, I'm going to post the entire list on my website. I'll try to post it by this afternoon, which means I'll have to find it first. That's right, I have to find it. I suspect that my wife hid it along with the candy bars, since I've littered every car and every writing surface with scraps of paper upon which I jotted the words as they occurred to me. A day of that might sound fun, but doing that for a week is probably a very obnoxious routine.

So, drat, I can't find my list. I can't find my candy bars. And I think my pet brain spider is starving from a lack of caramel nougat. You know, for a man trying to square himself to face 2012, I think I'm off to a really bad start.

## Can you afford another year like this year?

**W**e're already into the last two months of the year, and individuals will soon be evaluating what they have and have not accomplished, and what they hope to accomplish next year. There's still time to get everything done that you promised yourself at the start of the year. Ninety percent of things tend to be accomplished in the last 10 percent of the time remaining.

The big problem why most people don't get much done is because they don't have definite goals or a specific plan to achieve those goals. By not having a definite aim in life, a person or business ends up becoming part of the goals and plans of others. If those plans and aspirations are good, then that person becomes the beneficiaries of that goodness; however, if the plan is self-serving and aimed to benefit a small, inner circle of people, then an individual becomes collateral damage or a victim of those plans.

We're seeing a lot of the collateral damage from the poor planning and follow-through with the retirement program. Government employees are the victims of basing their hopes on the goals and plans of other people they trusted to take care of them, rather than taking charge and working on a plan that they have more control over.

As a business owner, there is no reason why you shouldn't have a specific plan to take charge of your situation to create a better year next year than what you experienced this year. Yet, few businesses actually plan. In a survey I conducted in June 2009, I asked 21 business owners to list their three greatest internal business frustrations or obstacles that if they were able to resolve, would allow them to grow and prosper. Many frustrations were listed, but only one responded with "lack of a plan to follow."

I then asked all of the respondents: "Do you have a written plan or strategy that you and your staff are successfully following to resolve any or all of the frustrations you mentioned, within the next 6 to 12 months?"

Only two said "yes" and 19 responded that they did not have a written plan. In other words, nine out of 10 businesses did not have a plan to help them overcome their biggest frustrations or obstacles. Most of them have probably thought about how to improve their situation, but without writing it down and consistently communicating it to staff, there is a slim chance that it will be accomplished. The typical demands on time and the turbulence occurring in the external environment are causing many to be at the mercy of the economic winds of change.

Your plan does not have to be complex, and in fact, it should follow the KISS formula—Keep It Short & Simple—so that it is easily understood by everyone and readily implemented. One of the problems with planning is that it is too complex or elaborate to easily follow. Most large companies have a planning process, but one estimate is that only about 10 percent of them are followed through to completion. In academics, the estimate is higher at about 30 percent. That means a vast majority of plans lay lifeless on someone's shelf.

A plan allows you to look forward while others tend to focus backward. When your business has a plan, you are better able to deal with disruptive situations and can focus the energies of your people in a more productive manner. If things don't go as planned (which is often the case) you will have a basis to evaluate why there was a deviation, and then regroup to get quickly back on course. This is because you know your final destination, and can then take

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the necessary actions to get your business back on track. Without a plan, there is nothing to use as a basis for evaluation, and therefore less of a chance that you will recover from a setback.

If you would like to learn a simple method to create a strategic plan for your organization, I am thinking about offering a short training session, but it will be based on if enough people plan to attend. If you would like to join the ranks of those individuals who are in control of their business, regardless of what is happening with the economy or the dubious plans of others, then email me.

The question that is the title of this article is a good one to end with. Can you afford another year like this year? If the answer is no, then you definitely need to create a plan that will propel you toward your goals and the vision you have for your organization. Even if you are an employee, this question is a good one to ask yourself. If life isn't turning out like you hoped it would, then it's time you made a plan to get better results in your various dimensions, such as your physical, emotional, intellectual, financial, or spiritual self.

Make next year your best year, and start early by making a plan that will take you there. Remember to email me at [RikVillegas@gmail.com](mailto:RikVillegas@gmail.com) if you're interested in attending a planning session to help you get focused.

## 2PSCom? No. 3

By **STANLEY TUDELA MCGINNIS TORRES**  
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**S**o just who are the people that will be part of the Second Political and Economic Status Commission? Where do they come from and what are their duties? Will all sides get heard from or is the deck stacked by having one type of members?

The commission is to be a 13-person team composed of 11 voting members and two non-voting members. The Legislature will activate the Commission and dissolve it once their job is done. Before their work is done they are to make recommendations about ballot questions that should be placed before the voters of the CNMI for them to decide on.

Six voting members will be island residents so that all islands are represented. Two members must live on Rota, two must live on Tinian and two must live on Saipan. The island mayors select one member each and the Legislative Delegation from each island appoints the other one. There are no restrictions on who may be an appointed member in this class except that they must be at least 25 years old, be an NMD or a U.S. citizen, not be a felon, and they must have lived in the NMI for at least five consecutive years when appointed.

The other five voting members will be appointed by the governor but they must have certain qualifications: one must be a woman, one must be of Carolinian descent and two must be from the business community. Nominations for this class of member are supposed to come from special interest groups, and from the public at large. Anyone can nominate. The governor will make the final selection from these nominations. The same age restrictions etc. apply to these five members.

Finally there are to be two non-voting members, the current speaker of the CNMI House and the current president of the CNMI Senate.

All of these people are to be appointed within 60 days of the time this bill becomes effective. If a slot becomes vacant it is to be re-filled within 30 days. Once appointed they are to get right to work and continue working until a Joint House/Senate Resolution deems

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phenomenon to ward off the steadily quiet assault of bankruptcy. I can't figure the administration remitting its share of employer contribution by the millions of dollars per year.

To do so would mean it must impose severe reduction in force by more than half its current payroll. Is this feasible at a time when private industries whose revenues support local government opera-






tions consistently contracts by the year? It is quite a dilemma, isn't it? It means that while we dance the waltz of dismissive acquiescence, the private sector has also used austerity to cut costs. It simply means it has no room to accommodate public sector employees that may suffer RIF.

The fun that isn't funny anymore has just begun. It will be winter in hell if we could pull ourselves out of the current deepening mess. But then, we sit back and watch the parade to Debt Cliff. It's the only major event scheduled for the next decade. Where did "experienced leadership go?" Brace for it.

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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 86° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 78
Palau	Rain	▲ 85 ▼ 78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 76
Chuuk	Rain	▲ 82 ▼ 76
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 73
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 89 ▼ 76
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 76

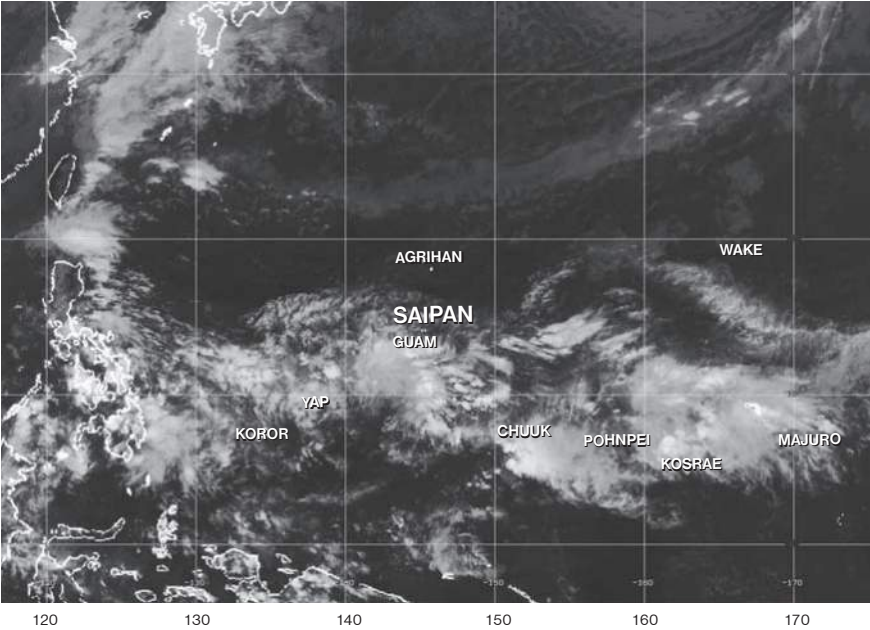
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲ 64 ▼ 58
Beijing	Showers	▲ 57 ▼ 48
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 84 ▼ 76
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 75
London	Showers	▲ 59 ▼ 53
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲ 68 ▼ 51
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 87 ▼ 80
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71 ▼ 52
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 81 ▼ 65
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲ 61 ▼ 45
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲ 78 ▼ 64
Paris	Showers	▲ 64 ▼ 53
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲ 73 ▼ 64
Rome	Windy	▲ 72 ▼ 59
Salem	Showers	▲ 50 ▼ 33
San Francisco	Showers	▲ 61 ▼ 49
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 75 ▼ 61
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲ 71 ▼ 59
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 64 ▼ 47

### Tides

Saipan Harbor				
1:35 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet	
8:34 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet	
3:42 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
10:05 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet	

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2011  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shear line curves westward from 25N166E to 20N148E to beyond 130E at 23N. Cloudiness and scattered showers are found along and up to 200 miles north of the boundary. Moderate to strong trade winds converging near and west of Guam are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between 11N and 15N from 133E to 159E. A surface trough curves northeastward from 4N144E to 12N151E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found near Chuuk between 4N and 11N from 145E to 158E. Another surface trough extends northeastward across the northern Marshall Islands from 8N167E to 14N172E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found near Kwajalein within 150 miles of a line from 7N165E to 13N173E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Saturday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Sunday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Monday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Tuesday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:27 PM	12:45 AM
Saturday	2:05 PM	1:34 AM
Sunday	2:41 PM	2:21 AM
Monday	3:17 PM	3:07 AM
Tuesday	3:54 PM	3:54 AM

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<b>SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)</b> C05070 4:25am 5:15am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 C05064 4:25am 6:00am 1, 5 via ROP 5K384 7:20am 8:10am 2, 6 C05068 7:55am 8:45am 3, 6 C05068 8:30am 9:20am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 C05074 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7 C05076 3:05pm 3:55pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 5K386 5:50pm 6:40pm 3, 4, 7 C05078 6:35pm 7:25pm Daily 5K382 9:20pm 10:10pm 1, 5 C05072 9:35pm 10:25pm Daily	<b>GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN</b> C05062 2:20am 3:55am 1, 5 via ROP C05069 2:45am 3:35am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 5K387 6:30am 7:20am 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 C05071 6:35am 7:25am 3, 6 C05071 7:00am 7:50am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 C05073 10:05am 10:55am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 C05075 1:40pm 2:30pm 1, 4, 5, 7 C05077 5:10pm 6:00pm Daily 5K383 6:30pm 7:20pm 2, 6 C05079 8:10pm 9:00pm Daily
<b>SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)</b> 5K212 8:20am 10:55am 4, 7	<b>NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN</b> 5K213 11:55am 4:25pm 4, 7
<b>SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)</b> DL287 6:05am 8:45am Daily DL297 4:35pm 7:15pm Daily	<b>NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN</b> DL298 10:25am 3:00pm Daily DL288 8:05pm 12:35am+1 Daily
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## Letters to the Editor

### More time please: Part 2

An open letter to all foreign workers in the CNMI:

The postponement of the scheduled hearing of the lawsuit that seeks to stop federal officials from implementing the CNMI-only Transitional Worker final rule is a welcome move as it give petitioners and dependants ample time to cite specific violation and defenses of the Administrative Procedure Act, as done by the drafters of the final regulations that is scheduled for implementation come Nov. 27, 2011.

The plaintiffs' perspective in filing the complaint is for the court to make a declaratory judgment in relation to the final regulations and/or for the court to issue an injunction because plaintiffs find it is contrary to the orderly phasing-out of the nonresident contract worker program as what PL 110-229 intends to do. The simultaneous filing of 1-129CW from Oct. 7 to Nov. 27, 2011, will face the same fate and consequences after one year if the final regulations will close its doors on Nov. 28, 2011. Simultaneously, all CW holders will be out of status after two years. The exodus of foreign workers from the islands will happen if no action is to be made at this very moment and time.

Plaintiffs are requesting the honorable judge to issue injunction relief by extending the implementation of the final regulations for one year or up to 18 months to enable foreign workers to find jobs. For the court to suspend the implementation of the final regulations, to leave its doors open even after Nov. 27, 2011 so that foreign workers who can find employers after the deadline can still file CW or H visa petition and to give a chance to all employers who in one way or another can find a new contract or expand their business even after Nov. 27, 2011, so that they can still file petitions for their prospective nonresident employee if no U.S. citizens are available.

The final regulations will close its door for CW or H visa applicant after Nov. 27, 2011, and, for those who will be out of status, they will start accumulating days as deportable aliens. While it is true that due process of the law is applicable prior to deportation, the law must still prevail. Prevention is better than cure—prevention from becoming out of status is the plaintiffs' goal while cure is the immigration lawyer's job after the Nov. 27, 2011, when a foreign national would be out of status due to wrong beliefs. "*Matira ang matibay*"....

To all foreign workers, this is the time for us to unite. We might have differences in belief, in status and or in approach in dealing with the issue but the common thing is that we are all affected. The lawsuit covers all foreign workers, especially those without employers for now, especially those who have no U.S. citizens children, and for those who are within the four groups of people covered by HB 1466. Who knows, 1466 might pass between now and the next months or two, so the lawsuit's goal, if granted, will protect you from leaving the island you call home.

Calling the entire silent majority: We know you are fully aware, your eyes are wide open, do not pretend that you are not affected. Please extend your helping hand to the plaintiff actions in any way you can because your help and participation is very much welcome. If granted an extension, maybe one year or 18 months, and foreign workers could still not find an employer, that is enough time for us to pack up our things and bid goodbye to the island we call home. Just don't look back. Instead look straight ahead. After all, we did what we could.

**Carlito J. Marquez**  
Puerto Rico, Saipan

## Nannies: Do we need them or not?

I grew up without one and I became self-reliant. Some of my children grew up with a nanny; the others without. The ones I raised without a nanny follow my footsteps. The other that grew up with a nanny are not as self-reliant.

So my answer is no, because your children will not grow up as you want them to. But my answer is also yes, because nowadays, I cannot trust a minor to watch over their little brothers and sisters for safety reason.

When I was little there was no television, no phones, the population was small, there were no crimes, and plenty of help was available. During the '80s, I raised my children without a nanny but toward the end of the '80s, I hired a nanny because I needed to work.

As we enter the '90s, problems start to build. Problems such as parents with gambling addictions, drugs, plus cell phone, Internet and others modern technology starts coming in.

My question is, with the crimes and the ineffective regulatory agencies, will you trust your minor teenage daughter or son to watch over your young ones? I mean I see children do things out of desperation.

Children with nannies go home to warm meals, with someone to help them with their

homework and watch them until their parents are home.

Children without a nanny either go to their parent's work or friends and hang out and eat junk food, follow their friends to do stuff such as drink alcohol or maybe steal, then go on the Internet and watch stuff without supervision.

Today, with the growing population, too much gambling addictions, drugs and low economy, what do you think is going to happen? Many families are being broken because of gambling and drug addictions. Hardly any fish, crab, wild chickens, and birds to catch and no more free food. Plus some of our children don't know how to cook, grow, or hunt for food. The local college shut down so now another problem to address.

About six years ago, a friend of mine from the mainland who is a grandparent told me that they brought their grandson here to take him away from organized crime—organized crime in school. Do you think this will happen here?

So, now I ask, with all the challenges that we are facing today in raising our children, do we need a nanny or not?

**Winnie Atalig**  
San Jose Village, Tinian

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## Council invites CNMI artists to join Christmas art exhibit

By **CLARISSA V. DAVID**  
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture is calling on all registered artists to take part in the upcoming 2011 Island Artist and Christmas Crafts Exhibit.

The exhibit, which is among the three annual exhibits organized by the arts council, is slated from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15.

The venue, tentatively set at the Hyatt Regency Saipan Lobby Function Room, will be finalized soon, according to Arts in Education and Festival coordinator Parker Y. Yobei.

"We're calling on all registered artists with CCAC to come in and register for free and turn in their arts and crafts for the monthlong exhibit," he said.

While the exhibit has a "Christmas twist to it," artwork that will be displayed at the 2011 Island Artist and Christmas Crafts Exhibit will not be limited to Christmas-themed creations.

"But if they do have Christmas ornaments, decorations, and other stuff crafts, that would be great," Yobei told *Saipan Tribune*.

Yobei added that they are working on inviting special guests and artists to grace the exhibit's opening.

He said they are also inviting artists who have yet to register with the Arts Council to visit their office and register for free. The only requirements for registration, Yobei said, are two pictures of the artist and six pictures of their works.

"We hope that our local artists will take advantage of this exhibit to display and promote their art and hopefully get special orders," said Yobei.

Yobei also encouraged the community to support the exhibit and experience the talents of these local artists through their artworks.

"When they see the variety of talents that these artists have, the public will be surprised," added Yobei.

To register for the exhibit or for more information, visit the Arts Council office next to the Post Office in Capitol Hill or call 322-9982 or 83.



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# Dandan school hails Cabrera as its best teacher for 2011

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**  
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REPORTER

A young mother of five, Elaine Cabrera wakes up early with a smile on her face, excited to prepare the things her children will need for the day. Before 6am, she makes sure everything is set prior to going to the place she calls her second home, the Dandan Elementary School.

She said it was her own children who inspired her to pursue a degree in education.

"I already had three kids when I decided to go back to Northern Marianas College. I tried the teaching course because I wanted to help my own children. At first, I thought I may not enjoy it...but after my first practice teaching session, I realized that it was what I wanted to do," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Cabrera's dedication to her 18 students in first grade has

won her the approval of her colleagues, who chose her as this school year's Teacher of the Year and their school's representative to this month's search for CNMI Teacher of the Year.

Cabrera joined the Tottotville family as a classroom teacher in March 2008.

Prior to joining the Dandan school, Cabrera had several job experiences in the private sector—jobs that she said didn't bring her fulfillment. "It was like punching in and punching out every day, waiting for the 5pm schedule. When I am home, I didn't think about it. But now I can say I've never been this busy in my life and yet it makes me feel proud and fully satisfied. I guess this is what I've been searching for all my life," she said.

Besides her busy classroom schedule, Cabrera also handles after-school activities such as the reading program, the performing



MONETH G. DEPOSA

Dandan Elementary School education awardees gather for a group photo at their campus yesterday. From left are DES vice principal Reo Arriola, Teacher Aide of the Year Jemma Manibo, Maintenance of the Year Abel Valenzuela, Teacher of the Year Elaine Cabrera, Support Staff of the Year Cathy Borja, and DES principal Martha Kintol.



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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS for Terminal Improvements at the Tinian International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Project No. CPA-TA-002-08 will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada / Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP, 96950.

All Bids shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: Tinian International Airport, Terminal Improvements, Project No. CPA-TA-002-08 and must be submitted no later than **2:00 PM** on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2011** to the Office of the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to, demolition, building and site improvements, including concrete foundations, concrete slab-on-grade, cast-in-place concrete, roof membrane, metal roofing, thermal insulation, concrete masonry unit walls, non-structural metal framing, carpentry, gypsum board, ceramic tile, resilient flooring, acoustical ceilings, aluminum doors and frames, aluminum windows, glazing, cabinetry, toilet partitions, toilet accessories, painting, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing, electrical lighting and power, complete and ready for use all in accordance with the Project Drawings and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from CNMI Capital Improvement Program. The Contract award, if it is made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days of the receipt of Bid Proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold such Bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of Bid opening.

The Contract period for construction of the Project in its entirety shall be One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days. Liquidated damages in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day completion of the Project is delayed beyond the Contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low Bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." The review will include, but is not necessarily limited to, previous projects experience, financial capability, quantity and quality of equipment and personnel, and ability to secure bonding and insurance. If the apparent low Bidder is found to be not "responsive and responsible", their Bid will be rejected and the next lowest Bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the Project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by CNMI Law or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract. A copy of the CNMI Minimum Wage Rate Determination is included in the General Provisions, Section 70-25.

Each Bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", as contained in the Bid Proposal documents, with submission of their Bid Proposal.

A CD-Rom containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents, including Drawings and Specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada / Saipan International Airport, upon payment of **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form, including the Bid Schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal Money Order made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at CPA Conference Room, Tinian International Airport, at **10:00 AM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2011**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this Project. All prospective Bidders are required to attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the Pre-Bid Conference.

Bid Proposals shall be submitted on the Bid Schedule form included on the CD-Rom obtained from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding Bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the Bid Schedule or misentry of the quantity of line items; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the Project Contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said Bids if, in its sole opinion, to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

The proposed Contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the Regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

Each Bidder must supply all information required by the Bid Proposal documents and Specifications.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the Specifications. Bid Proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority office.

A Contractor having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the Specifications. To be eligible for award, each Bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

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The proposed Contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

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FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ MANUEL P. VILLAGOMEZ  
Acting Board Chairman / Contracting Officer

Date: September 30, 2011

arts program, and the wellness program. She is also a consistent volunteer for other extra-curricular activities. *Saipan Tribune* learned she is among the very first and the last one to leave the school every day.

"This job is not about the paycheck. Sometimes you work 24/7, mostly for volunteer work. You often stay late in school because you're making sure that you are prepared for the next day. But because you have the passion and the heart to your job, you always feel the satisfaction and joy after each day of hard work," she said.

In her classroom, Cabrera's students are barred from saying, "I can't do it." She said it is her philosophy to build in every student the confidence they need, even as early as first grade.

"[The first grade level are] the building blocks. If you don't do it now, students will suffer in their second, third, and fourth grades. I am building a good educational foundation of our students. The first grade level is an important determining factor for a student's success," she said.

For Cabrera, the 7- to 8-hour instruction in school each day is not enough for all the things she wants to teach and impart to her class. There are among the challenges she faces in her profession, as well as the sometimes large class sizes. Lack of full parental support for children is another. "We, as teachers, have to find better ways to supplement that."

The first-time awardee said

that one of the greatest lessons she has learned from her students is having a positive outlook and attitude in life. "I learned to laugh a lot from my students. I learned that it's better to be curious because I believe that if they don't have the curiosity, they don't have the passion to learn."

### Other awardees

Named Teacher Aide of the Year is Jemma Manibo, who has been with the school system for five years. She started as a teacher aide for William S. Reyes Elementary in 2006, then moved to Dandan school in 2007. This is her fourth year at DES and her first time to be recognized. She is assigned at the school's Troops-to-Teacher program where she provides assistance to classroom teachers. Manibo also helps coaching the school's scholastic sports and spearheads the DES technology program.

Honored by the unexpected recognition, Manibo shared the award with her colleagues and students. Manibo said that she first took the job in order to pay her bills. But as time went on and, with the help of other teachers, "they made me change my opinion about teaching, which for me is the most rewarding career anyone could have."

Manibo is a reserved military personnel and is currently taking online courses so she could become a full-time teacher.

Hailed Support Staff of the Year is Cathy Borja, an employee for three years. She was first se-

lected as Support Staff of the Year last year, when she also bagged the overall PSS-wide title.

Prior to her employment in Dandan, Borja was a long-time parent volunteer. She officially joined the Tottotville family as its librarian aide in 2008.

Borja serves as DES' "jack of all trades" due to the numerous hats she wears in school. "I love helping kids and it is my goal to see them growing and succeed. I want to make a difference in their lives," she said.

This mother of four is also a full-time student, taking courses in education to fulfill her dream of becoming a regular classroom teacher.

Fifty-four-year-old Abel Valenzuela is DES' Maintenance of the Year, his sixth time to be honored with the award in his 21 years of serving PSS.

Valenzuela first served PSS in October 1989 at its central office. After 10 years, he moved to DES in 1999 under the same position and this marks his 11<sup>th</sup> year with the school. In 2006, he also bagged the PSS overall Support Staff of the Year award.

According to DES principal Martha Kintol, all four awardees truly deserve the honor and she is thankful for their unconditional support and dedication to the students. "They all go beyond their duties and responsibilities every day. We are so proud that they will represent us in the statewide competition," added Kintol.

DES is home to 413 students and 33 employees.

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



Belated happy birthday to Manuel Jose E. San Nicolas, who turned 2 years old on Nov. 1. Enjoy the safari with Dora and Diego and the gang! Greetings come from Daddy, Mommy, Keonna, and the family.



Happy birthday to Lolo Danny Chan! Wishing you more birthdays to come and good health. God bless! Love, Queen Anne, Daphne, Keeno & Louis!



Belated happy birthday to Koyuki Ichikawa, who turned fabulous 10 on Saturday, Oct. 29. Hope you had an amazing one! Many more birthdays to come! I love you always and forever! From your favorite aunty, Valyn!



Happy birthday to Kit Ogarto, who's turning another year older! Hope you have a great one! Best wishes and many more birthdays to come! Greetings coming out from everybody!

## Man gets 7-day sentence for punching daughter

Superior Court associate judge Perry B. Inos yesterday slapped a seven-day prison term against a man who punched his 17-year-old daughter for not studying and constantly cutting classes.

Inos sentenced Ricky Walter to two years in prison, all suspended except for seven days, with credit for the seven days he has already served in jail. This means the 45-year-old Walter will no longer serve further jail time.

Although Walter was just trying to discipline his daughter, Inos said that his act of punching her is "inexcusable and not justified."

"Maintain your composure. Don't raise your hands," the judge told Walter.

Inos noted that he had heard in another case that punching and slapping children are acceptable forms of punishment in Chuuk but, "if that is your culture, do not practice that here." Walter is a Chuukese.

Walter was placed on probation for two years and is barred from drinking alcohol during that time. He is also required to perform 50 hours of community service and to undergo parenting and an-

ger management counseling. Walter was also directed to pay a \$100 fine, plus court costs and probation fees.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Walter with child abuse and disturbing the peace. He pleaded guilty to child abuse as part of a plea deal; the other charge was dropped.

Police reports said that Walter came home drunk on March 20, 2011, at 8pm at Upper Miha Housing in Garapan and noticed his daughter on the phone. He scolded her for prioritizing hanging out with friends over her schoolwork. Walter then punched her in the face, prompting the daughter to run to 99 Cents Store where she called her uncle from Gualo Rai. The uncle picked up the teenager and then called police.

Walter told police he just wanted to discipline his daughter for not taking her education seriously.

Walter and his wife were previously called to the school principal's office for a parental counseling regarding their daughter's uncontrollable behavior and constant cutting of classes. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

## Good news: No payday delay today

All government workers can look forward to the weekend for a change after the Department of Finance was able to disburse

payroll for all government employees today.

"Fortunately, there was enough cash collections to fund

the cost of payroll. This is due in part to increased cash flow from end of the month tax collections and the ongoing 16-hour per

work week reduction imposed on majority of the executive branch employees," said press secretary Angel Demapan.

He, however, cautioned that the government's financial woes are by no means a thing of the past. "The central government recognizes that we are not completely out of the woods in terms of finances. Therefore, we will continue to carefully monitor our limited resources as well as other expense obligations that need to be satisfied."

The government has suffered delays in its payroll for non-critical employees since June 2010 primarily due to limited cash in government bank accounts and other obligations that need to be met first, including hospital and utilities needs.

Non-critical service employees usually receive their paychecks on the Wednesday right after their supposed Friday payday. **(Mark Rabago)**



### IT&E DONATION

IT&E loaned four cell phones to NMC's Current Issues in the CNMI course's precinct leaders to maintain communication during the Saipan casino bill survey taking place on Friday, Nov. 4, 2011. In the photo, from left, is IT&E representative Ray Tenorio, NMC Current Issues in the CNMI students and precinct leaders Christopher Lely, Czarina Jucutan and Lauren Jardinerio, IT&E representative and NMC graduate Veronica Acosta, and NMC Current Issues in the CNMI Instructor and precinct leader Samuel McPhetres.

## NMHC staff to follow federal per diem rates

The board of directors of the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. adopted yesterday a travel policy that would allow agency staff to follow the federal government travel and per diem compensation rates and guidelines.

During its meeting yesterday, the board unanimously voted to amend Subsection 3.07 of the

NMHC Personnel Manual.

Present at the meeting were board chair Marcie M. Tomokane, members Edwin P. Aldan, Pedro I. Itibus, Edward C. Sablan, and Edwin M. Hofschneider.

The board, through Tomokane, submitted in July the proposed amendment for Subsection 3.07 B, E, and F, which

originally required NMHC employees traveling on official business to receive travel and per diem compensation at the rate and guidelines established by the local government.

The law requires the NMHC board to solicit comments about the proposed amendment published in the Commonwealth Register for 30 days.

"After 30 days, the administration has not received any comments against the amendment," legal counsel Vicente "Ben" Salas said during the meeting.

Salas noted that the new travel policy will once again be published "indicating that the board has adopted the amendments."

The adopted travel policy will be effective beginning Monday, Nov. 7. **(Clarissa V. David)**



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-12-002

### Water & Wastewater Laboratory Services

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from DEQ certified firms to provide laboratory services for the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package and Scope-of-Work may be obtained, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 100.00 (non-refundable) for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **November 15, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

**One (1) original and Six (6) hard copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-12-002, CUC Water & Wastewater Laboratory Services", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 28, 2011 at 10:00 AM, (ChST)**. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before the submission deadline. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

Offerors will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 17, 2011** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net; Janina Muna, Administrative Assistant, Procurement & Supply via email mika.muna@cucgov.org with a copy to Heidi Yelin, CUC Laboratory Manager via email cuclabman@yahoo.com

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all offers and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

**ABE UTU MALAE**  
Executive Director



### COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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### COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2011-CDA-07-RFP LOAN UNDERWRITER

The Commonwealth Development Authority is soliciting competitive proposals from qualified firms, companies, agencies and/or persons to provide the services of a loan underwriter experienced in all aspects of the underwriting process, to provide independent contractual services for the CDA in the implementation of the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) Loan Guaranty and Loan Participation Programs. This procurement is being conducted pursuant to CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Chapter 70-30.3, specifically § 70-30.3-235).

The CDA on behalf of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) has applied for State Small Business Credit Initiative funds for the amount of \$13,168,350 for Loan Participation and Loan Guaranty. Programs are subject to CDA and lender criteria as well as SSBCI guidelines.

The purpose of the programs is to provide businesses with high growth and job creation potential that will diversify and strengthen the local economy. It encourages expansion of existing and emerging new industries to expand economic opportunity to all in the community.

The Program targets the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CDA encourages the leveraging of new private investment in the form of fixed asset and working capital investment. The Program provides loan guaranty and participation of up to \$5 million to businesses at interest rates and loan maturities that encourage business development and facilitate reinvestment while providing for the recapitalization and growth of fund. The program perpetuates a positive and proactive business climate that encourages the retention and expansion of existing businesses and helps to attract desirable new businesses. The Program objective is to leverage the SSBCI funding ten times (10X) with private financing.

The guidelines and specifications for this RFP may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development Authority, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950 during normal working hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Holidays, or from the Office of Procurement and Supply in Lower Base.

Respectfully

/s/ **MANUEL A. SABLAN**  
Executive Director

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**  
Director, Procurement & Supply

Business

Fed foresees far weaker growth than it had earlier

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Reserve sketched a bleaker outlook Wednesday for the economy, which it thinks will grow much more slowly and face higher unemployment than it had estimated in June.

The Fed’s gloomier forecast shows that the recovery from the recession has continued to fall short of expectations. Some economists said it makes the Fed more likely to act further to try to boost the economy, though probably not until early next year.

One option would be a program similar to the Fed’s \$600 billion in Treasury bond purchases, which it completed in June. Some economists think the Fed could buy mortgage-backed securities instead, which could more directly support the depressed housing market by lowering loan rates.

Speaking at a news conference Wednesday, Chairman Ben Bernanke said that if conditions worsen, the Fed would consider buying more mortgage-backed securities. He declined to specify

what would trigger such a move.

“Bernanke did not go out of his way to dampen growing expectations” that another round of purchases is coming, said Dana Saporita, an economist at Credit Suisse. “If anything, he stoked those expectations.”

Still, a more aggressive effort to boost the economy would likely face resistance within the Fed. Ian Shepherdson of High Frequency Economics said the economy would have to deteriorate before the Fed would launch another round of purchases.

The Fed now predicts the economy will grow no more than 1.7 percent for 2011. For 2012, it foresees growth of about 2.7 percent. Both forecasts are roughly a full percentage point lower than its June forecast.

The Fed sees unemployment averaging 8.6 percent by the end of next year. In June, it had predicted unemployment would drop next year to as low as 7.8 percent. The rate is now 9.1 percent.

The Fed’s gloomier outlook is similar to many private

economists’ forecasts. Bank of America Merrill Lynch, for example, expects only 1.8 percent economic growth this year and 2.1 percent in 2012.

Those growth rates are far too low to drive down unemployment.

At his news conference, his third this year, Bernanke acknowledged that the pace of growth will likely remain “frustratingly slow.”

“We remain prepared to take action as appropriate to make sure the recovery continues,” he said.

Debt up for college class of 2010

By JUSTIN POPE  
AP EDUCATION WRITER


Members of the college class of 2010 who took out student loans owed on average \$25,250 upon graduation, a 5 percent increase from the year before, according to a new analysis released Thursday.

The figures, compiled using college survey data by The Project on Student Debt, indicate average indebtedness increasing at about the same annual rate as in the last five years, but still give a fresh snapshot of what many advocates and experts call an alarming reliance on borrowed money to pay for college.


Roughly two-thirds of the class of 2010 borrowed for college, and they were hit especially hard because the unemployment rate for new college graduates stood at 9.1 percent the year they graduated—though that’s less than half the rate for counterparts who only have a high school degree.

Another cause for concern: because of data limitations, the figures do not include students at for-profit college, where other recent data show 96 percent of graduates have loans and they borrow nearly 50 percent more than those who graduate from other four-year schools.

Debt levels do vary widely from school to school, and from region to region.



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The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

**Lot No. 017 D 35, containing an area of 900 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat Number 017 D 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as document number 4842, on the 11th day of September, 1975.**

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **November 29, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **\$24,060.10**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **November 28, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.** **All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than November 28, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within 72 hours will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **\$24,060.10** shall also apply.

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Dated this 25th day of October, 2011.

By: /S/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO  
Corporate Director

**401(k) matches resume for 75 percent of companies**

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—Few areas are spared when it comes to corporate belt tightening. During the economic downturn, employees felt the impact of cutbacks in hiring, raises, and even contributions to their 401(k) plans.

The first wave of reductions in 401(k) plans began in 2008. The number of employers lowering or suspending their contributions accelerated in the first half of 2009 as the stock market fell to its lowest point after the financial meltdown.

In new research released Wednesday, business consultant Towers Watson analyzed the action of 260 mid- to large-sized companies. It shows that 75 percent of those that took the step to cut costs in their retirement plans have resumed making 401(k) contributions. Among those:

- About 74 percent are continuing payments at the previous level;
- About 23 percent resumed making contributions to their employees’ accounts, but at a lower rate. Among these companies, the new contribution level was slightly more than half of

**Cash-strapped Chicago mulls easing marijuana law**

CHICAGO (AP)—A Chicago alderman says he’s found a way for the city to raise desperately needed cash that will also keep more police officers on the street: Marijuana.

Alderman Danny Solis introduced an ordinance to the City Council on Wednesday that would make possession of small amounts of marijuana a ticketable offense with a \$200 fine rather than a misdemeanor that carries jail time. He estimates the change would generate \$7 million a year and, since the vast majority of such cases are dismissed, would save police and courthouse workers money and time.

“In these trying times of the economy, we could really use the revenue generated by fines versus arrests,” Solis said. “And


the original amount; and

- Just 3 percent resumed making contributions at a higher rate; however, in all but one case the increase was associated with the company freezing or ending its pension plan. The higher amount was intended to make up for some of the lost pension plan benefits.


“It’s encouraging that employers are reinstating the match and are still committed to helping people save for retirement,” said Robyn Credico, a senior retirement consultant at Towers Watson.

each (arrest) means police officers are spending an inordinate amount of time outside the neighborhoods, inside the district offices doing paperwork.”

Similar laws exist around the country, but unlike in other states and cities where the debate has often focused on marijuana use, the discussions in Chicago have centered almost entirely on money and wasted resources.



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**JUAN F. BARCINAS and BARBARA D.LC. EVANGELISTA** (collectively "Trustor"), on or about June 14, 1983, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on June 16, 1983, under Document No. 17490 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

**LOT 001 T 52, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 001 T 00, DATED AUGUST 14, 1969, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 1,486 SQUARE METERS.**

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 12, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **November 29, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **\$72,955.75**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairperson of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **November 28, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.** **All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than November 28, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **\$72,955.75** shall also apply.


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**LUCIA M. DELEON GUERRERO** ("Trustor"), on or about May 23, 1985, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on May 23, 1985, under Document No. 85-0991 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

**TRACT NUMBER 20472-6, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 907 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 204/82, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND COMMISSION AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 14154, ON THE 26TH OF MARCH, 1982.**

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on November 24, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **November 29, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **\$47,366.74**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **November 28, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.** **All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than November 28, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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**MARIA A. TEREGEYO** ("Trustor"), on or about June 6, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on June 6, 1984 under Document No. 84-881 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

**Lot No. 005 I 494, containing an area of 745 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 2084/82, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document Number 14232 dated May 14, 1982, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.**

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **November 29, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **\$33,640.48**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **November 28, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.** **All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than November 28, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within 72 hours will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **\$33,640.48** shall also apply.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within 72 hours will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.

Dated this 25th day of October, 2011.

By: /S/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO  
Corporate Director

Nation

Thousands of Occupy protesters disrupt busy port

**OAKLAND, Calif.** (AP)—Several thousand Occupy Wall Street demonstrators gathering in Oakland forced a halt to operations at the nation’s fifth busiest port Wednesday evening, escalating a movement whose tactics had largely been limited to marches, rallies and

tent encampments since it began in September. Police estimated that a crowd of about 3,000 had gathered at the Port of Oakland by about 5 p.m. PDT. Some had marched from the city’s downtown, while others had been bused to the port. Port spokesman Isaac Kos-

Read said evening maritime operations had been “effectively shut down.” Hours later the crowd began to dwindle and a voice on a bullhorn declared a victory for the movement, saying, “The port has been shut down. Let’s head back to the plaza” downtown

across from City Hall. The announcement prompted a stream of demonstrators to also vacate the area, but many of the remaining protesters—several hundred stalwarts—stayed put, waiting for confirmation from port officials that overnight operations had also been halted. Kos-Read said at around 9 p.m. that a decision had not yet been made on any addi-

tional shut downs, but trucks that had been idling were leaving the area. Officials had said earlier that they planned to reopen the port as soon as it was safe to do so. The protest at the port had been peaceful and there was no police action or arrests, though authorities were on standby. Interim Oakland police chief Howard Jordan warned that protesters who went inside the

port’s gates would be committing a federal offense. In Philadelphia, protesters were arrested earlier Wednesday as they held a sit-in at the headquarters of cable giant Comcast. Military veterans marched in uniform in New York, angry at their dim job prospects. And parents and their kids, some in strollers, formed a “children’s brigade” to join the Oakland, Calif., rallies.

 **ACROSS THE NATION**

**Third worker says Cain harassed; campaign denies**

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—A third former employee considered filing a workplace complaint against Herman Cain over what she deemed aggressive and unwanted behavior when she and Cain, now a Republican presidential candidate, worked together during the late 1990s, the woman told The Associated Press on Wednesday. She said the behavior included a private invitation to his corporate apartment. Cain’s campaign denied anew that he’d done anything wrong, decried a “smear campaign” as he is riding high in opinion polls and accused rival Rick Perry’s operation of being behind the original stories.

**100 lawmakers to debt panel: Consider all options**

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Breaking with party orthodoxy, 40 House Republicans urged Congress’ supercommittee on Wednesday to consider all options for raising revenue as they hunt for ways to trim the gargantuan \$14.8 trillion national debt. Though in a letter to the special debt-reduction panel the GOP lawmakers studiously avoided

specific proposals that the signees admitted could shatter the group’s unanimity, it seemed to at least crack the door open to the potential consideration of tax increases. That seemed to separate the 40 Republicans from many of their GOP colleagues, who have said they would only consider new revenue generated by a stronger economy.

**Fed: 4 men got terror ideas from underground novel**


**GAINESVILLE, Ga.** (AP)—In the violent underground novel “Absolved,” right-wing militia members upset about gun control make war against the U.S. government. This week, federal prosecutors accused four elderly Georgia men of plotting to use the book as a script for a real-life wave of terror and assassination involving explosives and the highly lethal poison ricin. The four suspected militia members allegedly boasted of a “bucket list” of government officials who needed to be “taken out”; talked about scattering ricin from a plane or a car speeding down a highway past major U.S. cities; and scouted IRS and ATF offices, with one man saying, “We’d have to blow the whole building like Timothy McVeigh.”

**Congress honors Japanese-American soldiers**

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Thousands of Japanese-Americans who fought in the fiercest battles of World War II and became some of the most decorated soldiers in the nation’s history were given an overdue thank-you from their country Wednesday when Congress awarded them its highest civilian honor. Nearly seven decades after the war’s beginning, Congress awarded three units the Congressional Gold Medal. In all, about 19,000 Japanese-Americans served in the units honored at a ceremony Wednesday: the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service. “This has been a long jour-

ney, but a glorious one,” said Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii., who lost his right arm fighting with the 442nd and was one of the honorees Wednesday. About 1,250 people attended the award ceremony at the Capitol. About a quarter of those present were former soldiers, now in their 80s and 90s. Hiroshi Kaku, originally from Hawaii, served in the 442nd and his older brother, Haruo, served in the 100th. He said he volunteered for the Army because he had something to prove. “We wanted to show American citizens that we loved our country,” Kaku said. “We were born and raised here.” After Japan’s attack on Pearl Harbor, Japanese-Americans

were viewed with suspicion. Nearly 110,000 were sent to internment camps. Lawson Sakai learned how much the world had changed when he drove with some of his buddies to the local Navy recruiting station and tried to enlist. While his white friends were quickly accepted, Sakai was considered an “enemy alien” and could not join. Sakai then watched as the FBI rounded up Japanese-American leaders in Los Angeles. When the federal government authorized the relocation of people with Japanese ancestry, a sister and some of his friends were sent to internment camps. “We were blackballed,” Sakai said. “Basically, they took away our citizenship.”



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**INVITATION TO BID**  
ITB12-GOV-013

**Tanapag Elementary School Covered Walkway and Perimeter Fencing**

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, are soliciting sealed bids for the Tanapag Elementary School Covered Walkway and Perimeter Fencing, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available Wednesday, November 09, 2011 at the Governor’s CIP Administrator’s Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$50.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be Pre-bid Conference/Site Visit for this project on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the project site. Bidders are encouraged to visit the site to familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting their bid. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on November 23, 2011 to Mr. Carl Castro, 702progm@gmail.com of the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked **“ITB12-GOV-013”**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, November 30, 2011. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time November 30, 2011, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 30, 2011 and must be received no later than December 7, 2011. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, December 7, 2011. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will opened at 11:00 a.m. Saipan local time, on November 30, 2011.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid bond of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier’s Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: “Credit Account No. 44660”. Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must possess a certificate of authority to conduct business in the CNMI and certification that the value or its unencumbered assets (exclusive or all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the amount or each bond. Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) two hundred dollars (\$200.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ **ELOY S. INOS, Lieutenant Governor**  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ **Herman S. Sablan, Director**  
Procurement and Supply, DOF

**BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**RE: COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION** **DOCKET 09-1**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that at 10:00 a.m. on Monday November 14, 2011, the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission [Commission] will conduct a public hearing and workshop at the Retirement Fund Building Conference Room, Capitol Hill to receive and consider evidence, discussion and public comment on the following regulatory matters concerning Commonwealth Utilities Corporation [CUC]:

- Pursuant to a tariff established by regulatory order on December 19, 2008, the Commission reviews and approves the semi-annual LEAC [levelized energy adjustment clause] rate, which CUC is authorized to charge its electric customers to recover its projected fuel and related expenses during the period. CUC’s LEAC rate is separate from its base rates, which are intended to fund its non-fuel operational and capital expenses. By filing dated October 27, 2011, CUC and Georgetown [the Commission’s independent regulatory consultant] have recommended that for the period November 18, 2011 through March 31, 2012, the current LEAC rate of \$0.34426 cents per kWh should be reduced to \$0.30265 per kWh [an average 9+/- percent reduction]. On or before October 31, 2011, CUC and Georgetown will file position papers, which will document this recommendation. These filings will be available for public inspection at the office of Georgetown’s legal counsel, Mr. Robert Torres, Esq. Plata Drive, Whispering Palms, Saipan, phone number 670-234-7859.
- CUC and Georgetown’s further positions with regard to CUC’s November 10, 2010 petition for regulatory approval of a proposed fifth change order to CUC’s contract with Telesource CNMI, Inc. for operation of CUC’s Tinian power generation facilities. At CUC’s request during the April 2011 regulatory session, the Commission tabled its consideration of this petition until the present session. Georgetown’s January 24, 2011 analysis of this petition, as supplemented on October 31, 2011 is available for public inspection at the law offices of Mr. Robert Torres, Esq.
- The status of CUC’s accounts receivables.
- CUC’s progress in crafting a net metering tariff and rates for Commission review in accordance with the mandate of 4 CMC § 8634 [Public Law 15-87] and as directed by the Commission’s June 7, 2011 Decision.
- Georgetown’s progress in crafting a utility rate structure and independent power producer contract standards, as required by 4 CMC § 8625 [Public Law 15-87] and as directed by the Commission’s June 7, 2011 Decision.
- CUC’s January 31, 2011 independent audit report for FY09 and FY10, including the notes, findings and questioned costs discussed therein.
- The status of: a] House Bill 17-205 regarding the transfer of approval authority for CUC borrowing from lawmakers to the Commission; and b] Georgetown’s review of CUC’s October 6, 2011 emergency petition for authorization to borrow \$10 million dollars to finance requirements under Federal Stipulated Orders.

**THE COMMISSION WELCOMES THE PUBLIC’S ATTENDANCE** at its November 14, 2011 public hearing and public comments at the conclusion of the hearing. Persons who desire to formally participate in the hearing pursuant to 4 CMC § 8409(j) [Public Law 15-35] should on or before November 7, 2011 file with the Commission at Mr. Torres’ law office an application and offer of proof in accordance with §8409(j) and Commission Procedural Rule 11(c). The Commission will notice and conduct a special business meeting to consider and make decisions regarding matters considered at the public hearing. Further information about the public hearing and the public’s right to participate may be obtained from the law offices of Mr. Torres, Esq. at the above address and phone number.

# Asia

## China spacecraft dock together

**BEIJING (AP)**—Two unmanned Chinese spacecraft docked successfully and were orbiting the Earth together Thursday in a step that moves China closer to manning its own space station in about a decade.

The Shenzhou 8 craft that was launched Tuesday docked with the already orbiting Tiangong 1 module, said Wu Ping, spokeswoman for China's manned space program. The assembly has orbited Earth six times, with onboard instruments working normally, she said.

The U.S. and Russia are the only other countries to master the space docking technique. It was "a milestone success and

sets a sound foundation for continued missions," Wu said.

The joint assembly will fly for another 12 days doing tests, then a second docking will be followed by two days' flight. Shenzhou 8 is scheduled to return to Earth on Nov. 17, she said.

"Our aim is to try our best to perform multiple tests within one launch so as to maximize our benefits through limited launches," Wu said.

China launched its own space station program after being turned away in its repeated attempts to join the 16-nation International Space Station. That was largely on objections from the United States, which is wary

of the Chinese space program's military links.

Experts see no explicit military function for the Chinese space station.

In terms of technology, the launch of the Tiangong-1 places China about where the U.S. was in the 1960s during the Gemini program. But experts say China progresses further than the U.S. did with each launch it undertakes.

Two more docking missions with the Tiangong 1 model are planned next year, one of them manned. China will set up a space lab by 2016, Wu said, and its actual station will be launched in three sections between 2020 and 2022.

## Rare white kiwi is seeing red after surgery

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)**—She's grumpy, grouchy and packs a good kick. Just like a healthy kiwi should.

Manukura the white kiwi is among the rarest of birds. And she appears to have regained her mojo after a heart scare during surgery Friday to remove a stone from her gizzard.

That means watch out—even if the 6-month-old flightless bird weighs just two pounds (1 kilogram).

"You try to grab her and she kind of karate chops you," said veterinarian Lisa Argilla, at the Wellington Zoo, where Manukura is recuperating. "She growls and she grumbles and she's getting really stropky. So that's great, that's normal kiwi behavior, and we love it when our patients do that."

Kiwi are nocturnal birds native to New Zealand and have been decimated by introduced predators. Most kiwi are brown to help hide in the forest undergrowth. White kiwi, which lack a color gene, have been sighted in the wild, but Manukura is the first born in captivity.

When she was born May 1,



A rare white kiwi named Manukura is treated by Lisa Argilla at the Wellington Zoo, in Wellington, New Zealand, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011.

native Maori leaders took it as an omen. Her Maori name means "of chiefly status" and some believe her arrival heralds a new beginning.

"The elders here believe it to be something very, very spe-

cial," said Jason Kerehi, the chief executive of the Rangitane o Wairarapa tribe and a board member at the Pukaha Mount Bruce National Wildlife Centre where the chick was born. "She is an inspiration to all people."

Kiriyenko signed the agreement on Wednesday for the nation's first such plant at Rooppur in Pabna district, 75 miles (120 kilometers) north of the capital, Dhaka. Bangladesh now relies on decades-old gas-fired power plants and suffers a daily shortfall of about 2,000 megawatts that is blamed for hampering industrial production and economic growth.

### Crews face rotting cargo on stuck New Zealand ship

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)**—Noxious fumes from the rotting cargo aboard a ship marooned on a New Zealand reef pose the latest obstacle to salvage crews trying to remove oil. The ship *Rena* this week survived stormy weather as experts anxiously waited to see if the badly damaged vessel would split in two. But now that the sea has calmed enough to allow crews back on board, they are facing a stink. Maritime New Zealand said in a statement Thursday that environmental officers are on board to assess the fumes from 121 containers holding perishable food which the agency said started to decompose "some time ago."

# World

## Europe heaps pressure on Greece

**CANNES, France (AP)**—European leaders drew a line in the sand for Greece on Wednesday, saying its referendum on a hard-won bailout deal will decide whether it stays in the eurozone—and vowing Athens will not get new aid until the result is in.

The acknowledgment that the vote—which will likely take place on Dec. 4—could see Greece leaving the currency union is the first official admission that such an exit is possible and follows almost two years of pledges to the contrary.

The move to tie the vote to the fate of the euro is a huge gamble that could endanger the future of the currency union, the centerpiece of Europe's

postwar unity, and potentially push the world economy into another recession.

"The referendum ... in essence is about nothing else but the question, does Greece want to stay in the eurozone, yes or no?" German Chancellor Angela Merkel said at a news conference together with French President Nicolas Sarkozy.

The leaders of the two biggest eurozone economies spoke to the press after emergency talks with Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou in Cannes, France. The discussion also included International Monetary Fund head Christine Lagarde and other top EU and eurozone officials.

By turning the referendum

into a popular vote on whether Greece wants to remain in the eurozone—the currency union that gave it access to the club of Europe's richest countries but also allowed it to pile up a massive debt mountain—leaders are taking a risky bet.

The exit of the eurozone's weakest member could trigger a dangerous domino effect that could quickly see Ireland and Portugal, the other two countries that have received bailouts, also leave the currency bloc and cause the financial collapse of Italy and Spain, which are barely hanging on.

Papandreou said that he was forced to call a referendum after it became clear that there was no "broad support" from opposition parties for a bailout deal reached with the rest of the eurozone and big banks just a week ago.



Papandreou

## Syria agrees to Arab plan amid violence, doubts

**CAIRO (AP)**—Syria accepted an Arab League proposal Wednesday calling for it to withdraw armored vehicles from the streets and stop violence against protesters in a bid to end the country's seven-month-old political crisis, an agreement that was met with deep skepticism by Syria's opposition.

Qatar's Foreign Minister Hamad bin Jassim urged Damascus to follow through with action on the ground amid concern that Syria has continued its bloody crack-down on anti-government protesters despite interna-

tional condemnation and previous promises of reform.

Najib al-Ghadban, a U.S.-based Syrian activist and member of the opposition Syrian National Council, said implementation of the initiative would mean the end of the regime and President Bashar Assad was not likely to let that happen.

"What happened today is an attempt to buy more time," al-Ghadban told The Associated Press. "This regime is notorious for maneuvering and for giving promises and not implementing any of them."

In the latest violence, ma-

chine-gun fire and explosions erupted inside a city at the heart of Syria's uprising as activists reported two grisly attacks that killed at least 20 people in the past 24 hours, although it was not clear who was behind the attacks.

The Arab League efforts reflect the group's eagerness to avoid seeing another Arab leader toppled violently and dragged through the streets, as was slain Libyan strongman Moammar Gadhafi last month. An Arab League decision had paved the way for NATO airstrikes that eventually brought down Gadhafi.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Polish pilot rejects hero label for Boeing landing

**WARSAW, Poland (AP)**—The Polish pilot hailed for landing a Boeing 767 jetliner on its belly after its landing gear failed stepped into the public eye Wednesday looking stiff and uncomfortable, and insisted that all the talk of heroism "is exaggerated." Capt. Tadeusz Wrona set the jetliner down so gently that many of the 231 people on board thought it had landed on its wheels—until they saw fire, sparks and smoke rising from beneath the aircraft as it slid down the Warsaw airport runway. The 54-year-old pilot for the Polish national carrier LOT deflected the praise, saying he merely did what he was trained to do.

#### Venezuela: Riot kills 8 inmates; 4 police hostage

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**—Inmates rioting at a jail attacked other prisoners, kill-

ing eight, and took four police officers hostage Wednesday, authorities said. State Police Chief Jesus Berro said a group of inmates obtained keys to several cell blocks and fatally shot eight fellow prisoners inside the jail in the city of San Cristobal, capital of Tachira state. Contraband such as guns and drugs are commonplace in Venezuela's overcrowded prisons.

#### Fire at French newspaper after Muhammad issue

**PARIS (AP)**—A firebombing that destroyed the offices of a French satirical weekly that "invited" the Prophet Muhammad as its guest editor was denounced Wednesday by Muslim leaders and politicians from all sides. But behind the public show of unity was a silent fear that the spoof could trigger a wave of violent protests among western Europe's largest Muslim population, and beyond. No one was injured in the blaze that started around 1 a.m. in

the offices of Charlie Hebdo in eastern Paris, hours before the issue featuring a caricature of Muhammad on its front page hit the newsstands.

#### Israeli prime minister said to favor Iran attack

**JERUSALEM (AP)**—An Israeli official said Wednesday that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is trying to persuade his Cabinet to authorize a military strike against Iran's suspected nuclear weapons program—a discussion that comes as Israel successfully tests a missile believed capable of carrying a nuclear warhead to Iran. It remained unclear whether Israel was genuinely poised to strike or if it was saber-rattling to prod the international community into taking a tougher line on Iran. Israeli leaders have long hinted at a military option, but they always seemed mindful of the practical difficulties, the likelihood of a furious counterstrike and the risk of regional mayhem.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Thai police say insurgent bomb kills 6 in south

**PATTANI, Thailand (AP)**—Police say suspected Muslim insurgents in southern Thailand killed six civilians in a bomb attack on their vehicle in the south. Police investigator Heraman Chedi says the explosion occurred Wednesday in Narathiwat's Ra-ngae district, and attackers raked the vehicle with machine-gunfire afterward. Heraman says the victims were Buddhist hunters headed to a nearby forest, and one survived and was taken to a local hospital. A rescue worker who came later to the scene was also injured when he stepped on land mine.

#### Bangladesh, Russia sign nuclear power plant deal

**DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)**—A government official says Bangladesh and Russia have signed a cooperation deal to build a nuclear power plant in the energy-starved South Asian nation. Bangladesh's junior Science and Technology Minister Yeafesh Osman says he and Russia's Rosatom State Corporation Director-General Sergei

# Off The Wall

## Dog survived gas chamber, up for adoption in NJ

**NEWARK, N.J. (AP)**—Unnamed and unwanted, the young beagle mix was left anonymously in a drop box outside an Alabama pound. His life was supposed to end in a gas chamber.

Instead, the young stray emerged frightened but unscathed, wagging his tail. Now, he's being hailed as a miracle dog, given the name Daniel after the biblical figure who survived the lion's den.

And he has a fresh start in New Jersey, where a rescue group hopes to find him a good home.

Only three animals have survived the gas chamber at the Animal Control facility in Florence, Ala., in the past 12 years. "Maybe God just had a better plan for this one," said city spokesman Phil Stevenson.

Daniel's tail never stopped wagging as he stepped off a plane at a New Jersey airport, where he was flown Wednesday

by the nonprofit Eleventh Hour Rescue group and placed with volunteer Jill Pavlik until he can be adopted.

"He's absolutely fabulous," Pavlik, a hairdresser who works and lives in northern New Jersey, said Friday. "He walked in the house like he had always lived there. He's very sweet, happy and outgoing."

Linda Schiller, the shelter's founder and president, said the facility has already received about 100 applications from people around the country seeking to adopt Daniel. About half said they weren't interested in adopting another dog if the 20-pound Daniel wasn't available.

"Maybe we'll get a cosmetic surgeon to make all our dogs look like Daniel," Schiller said jokingly. She added that Daniel, while thin, hadn't shown any residual effects of his ordeal.

No one is sure why Daniel was the lone survivor. "It may be that his breathing was shallow because of a cold or something," Stevenson said.

He said the gas chamber is a stainless-steel box roughly the size of a pickup truck bed, and dogs are put into the chamber about seven or eight at a time. A computer-controlled pump slowly feeds carbon monoxide into the chamber once it's sealed, and an operator presses a button.



Daniel, who is better known as the "Miracle Dog," sits still while waiting for a treat in the home of Mark and Jill Pavlik, Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, in Rochelle Park, N.J.

### OFFBEAT BRIEFS

#### Trump casino winner says 'no' to plastic surgery

**ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)**—A woman who won \$25,000 worth of plastic surgery from an Atlantic City casino has decided she won't go under the knife. The Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort gave the winner of its Nip and Tuck Sweepstakes the option to take the prize in cash. And that's exactly what Saturday night's winner did. Casino spokesman Brian Cahill says the woman opted not to make her name public. The attention-grabbing contest gave the winner the opportunity to mix and match various types of surgery, including breast enhancements, tummy tucks, liposuction and face lifts until the total hits \$25,000.

#### Hanging-man Halloween display draws complaints

**DUBLIN, Ohio (AP)**—An Ohio homeowner has moved a Halloween decoration of a hanging man because police said some found it too realistic and spooky. Officers in the Columbus suburb of Dublin said they received five complaints about the 6-foot figure hanging in a tree close to a road. Police told WSYX-TV that people found the display disturbing and feared it could cause a traffic accident. The homeowner, who asked not to be identified, tells the station that Halloween should be creepy and that his decoration was "all in good fun." But he moved it to a tree closer to his house and away from the street. Where it used to hang, he has placed a sign that says: "less realistic decoration."

### In Humble Gratitude

*We are eternally thankful to all families and friends, near and far for their soothing words of compassion, prayers, presence and support. Our sincere appreciation to all who joined us during the daily mass of intentions and nightly rosaries for our beloved Mother*

## †Margarita Palacios Agulto Retan

*We also would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all who donated countless hours of support and prayers for our mother during her time of illness.*

*Our dearly beloved is now at rest, but with each new day's beginning, fond memories of her life, will forever be cherished.*

*To all who reached out in our time of need, your unending kindness and love will forever be treasured and kept close to our hearts.*

*We ask our heavenly father to continue to shower us all with his grace and blessings.*

*UN DANGKULO NA SI YU'US MA'ASE  
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*From the Children and family*

### 5TH YEAR DEATH ANNIVERSARY

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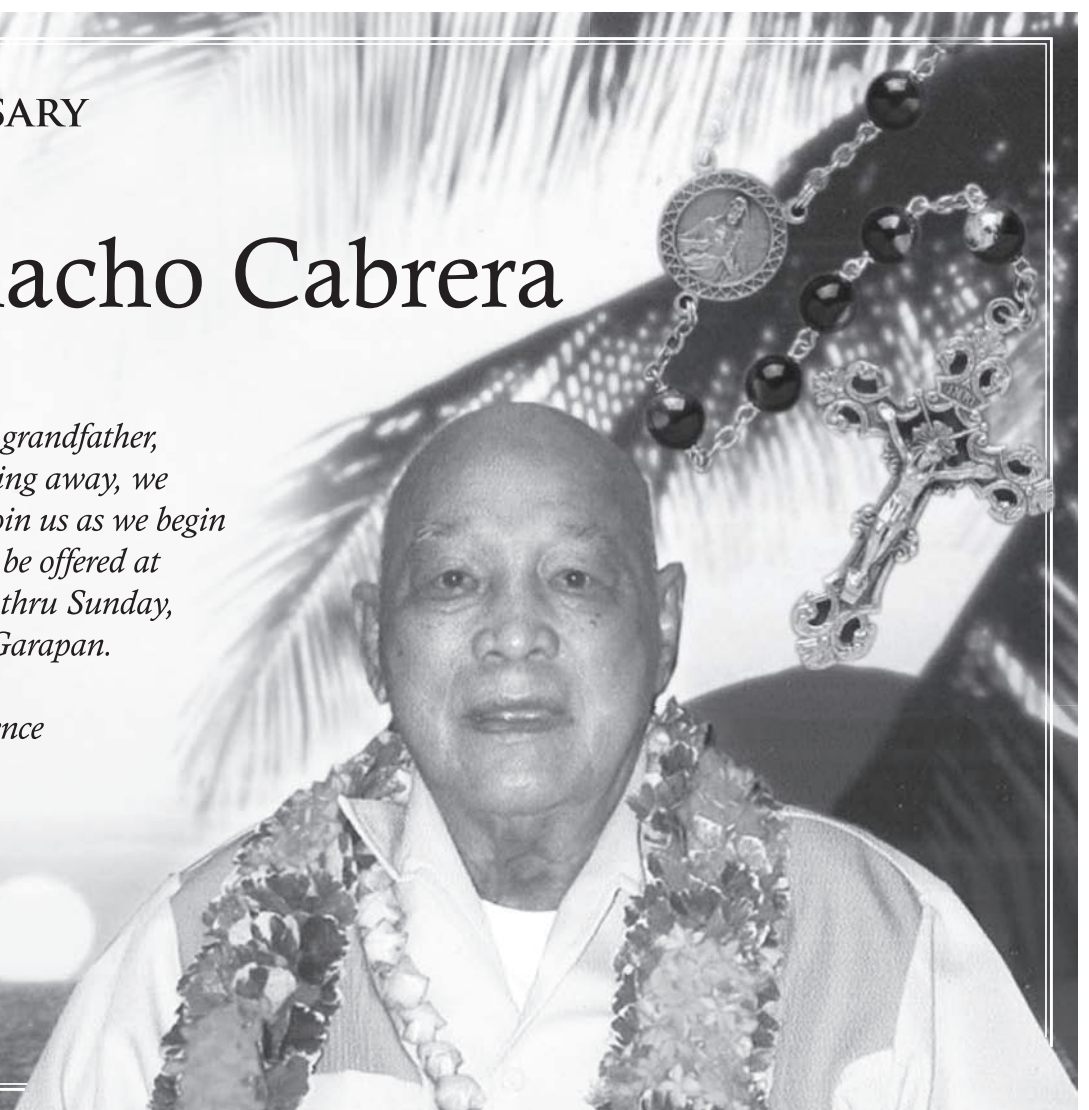
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*Five years ago, a beloved husband, our father, grandfather, great-grandfather, in remembrance of his passing away, we the family invite our relatives and friends to join us as we begin the traditional nine days of daily masses will be offered at 6:00 a.m. beginning Saturday, November 5th thru Sunday, November 13th, 2011 at Kristo Rai Church, Garapan.*

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*Your prayers, thoughts and presence will forever be appreciated.*

*From Esco, children and family*



# Science & Technology

## Yahoo hopes to reach readers with iPad magazine

**SUNNYVALE, Calif. (AP)**—Yahoo has begun to distribute an iPad magazine that illuminates the Internet company's ambitions and the chronic hiccups that have thrown its fate into doubt.

The free magazine, called Livestand, has intriguing potential because its software can be customized to pull a deep pool of content from Yahoo's website and other participating publishers to cater to each user's interests.

But the magazine didn't arrive until Wednesday, well behind Yahoo Inc.'s own timetable

for the product and 19 months after Apple Inc. began selling the iPad.

Since its launch last year, the iPad has thrust tablet computers onto the cutting edge of both technology and media.

Yahoo is counting on Livestand to keep its brand and services relevant as more people embrace the iPad and other mobile devices to consume digital content. The company also hopes that the magazine's customization tools make it easier to determine what each reader

likes so advertisers can target their messages at people mostly likely to buy their products.

Yet Yahoo's delays in seizing such opportunities have been a recurring problem during the past decade. A combination

of hubris, bureaucracy and poor decision-making caused Yahoo to react too slowly to threats posed by Google Inc. in Internet search and Facebook in social networking. That has left Yahoo badly weakened in two key markets.

Those setbacks are the main reasons Yahoo has been mired

in a financial funk during a five-year stretch that saw the company go through three different CEOs who were unable to engineer a turnaround. Yahoo's board has been reviewing whether to sell all or parts of the company since firing Silicon Valley veteran Carol Bartz as CEO nearly two months ago.

If Yahoo remains independent, Livestand may become a key piece of Yahoo's latest comeback attempt.

It represents Yahoo's first major step toward building products primarily aimed at mobile devices before adapting them

for desktop computers.

Besides drawing upon Yahoo's own content, Livestand chooses material from ABC, Forbes magazine, Parenting magazine and an assortment of publications devoted to sports and hobbies. Publishers will be offered a chance to sell subscriptions through Livestand next year.

Livestand "is sort of a reimagining of what Yahoo can be," Blake Irving, Yahoo's chief product officer, told reporters after he unveiled the magazine at the company's Sunnyvale headquarters.

The magazine's debut came nearly nine months after Yahoo offered its first preview of Livestand. At that time, Yahoo said it hoped the magazine would be available in iPad's

app store by June.

But Irving said Yahoo needed more time to ensure that the technology provided a smooth experience for readers, publishers and advertisers.

While Yahoo fine-tuned its product, several other digital magazine applications have attracted millions of users. One of the most popular, Flipboard, was hailed by Apple as its "app of the year" for 2010.

In a Wednesday interview, Irving scoffed at the notion that Yahoo's offering was coming too late.

Although the iPad has been around for a while, he said only a small fraction of the 700 million who regularly visit Yahoo's website currently own a tablet computer.

## New mobile app, ShoeBox, helps scan old photos

**NEW YORK (AP)**—A new smartphone app will help you transition your old paper photos into the digital age. Called ShoeBox, the free app lets you use your iPhone's camera as a photo scanner.

The iPhone app launched last week. An Android version is coming soon. ShoeBox comes

as social media giant Facebook is preparing to launch its new "timeline" feature.

Timeline essentially turns user profiles into an online scrapbook for the most important moments of their lives. As such, it encourages users to add photos from their lives before Facebook. ShoeBox creator Rudy Adler says

that's where ShoeBox comes in.

The app lets users rotate, crop, date and tag photos and share them with friends and family either through Shoebox or Facebook. The photos are also stored on 1000memories.com, the website of the startup behind ShoeBox. The website is also where ShoeBox users can

go to control their privacy settings if they don't want their old photos shared publicly.

On Wednesday, publicly shared photos on the ShoeBox app included a torn black-and-white mugshot of a young man with a moustache and a ruddy-cheeked little girl under a Christmas tree.

### SOUND ADVICE

## Most TV viewers don't like wide-ratio 'black bars'

By **DON LINDICH**  
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**Q. I have multiple extra pay channels for movies that are almost always shown full screen on my 16:9 TV, even though they were filmed in the wider 2:35 aspect ratio. This leads to the image being cropped and I feel cheated because we cannot see everything that was originally released to theaters. Some of our friends cannot tolerate watching a movie when it has the black bars on the top and bottom of the screen. I have not been successful in explaining to them that they are not seeing the entire image from the movie. They simply don't care.**

**Why do we pay for services not broadcast in the original aspect ratio, and is there any hope in getting them to do so?—R.R., Minneapolis**

A. You hit the nail on the head when you said, "Some of our friends cannot tolerate watching a movie when it has the black bars on the top and bottom of the screen." Sadly this is the majority of the public and broadcasters are accommodating them. I still get emails stating, "I hated black bar movies on my old TV, which was not widescreen. Now I have widescreen and the bars are back! I can't escape them!" This usually happens when they play Blu-ray movies, which are almost always recorded in the original aspect ratio to please purists like you.

This is unlikely to change until the majority of the public changes its mind and demands



COURTESY SPIN-CLEAN/MCT

The \$79 Spin-Clean Record Washer is simple and elegant, as most great inventions are. Fill the trough with water, add the supplied cleaning fluid, insert a record and spin it by hand three times.

movies be broadcast as originally recorded. I can tell you that based on almost 10 years of public interaction writing this column that things are unlikely to swing in your direction. You may want to consider renting Blu-ray copies of your favorite films to see them as they were originally filmed. You will get a better picture and sound as well.

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**Holiday product highlight:** Cleaning vinyl records makes them sound better and last longer. Doing a thorough job usually requires a record-cleaning machine. These machines apply cleaning fluid, scrub it into the record grooves then vacuum the dirty fluid off, getting out the

grit and leaving behind a clean looking, clean sounding record. Typically only audiophiles and record collectors have used these expensive machines, leaving most listeners to rely on simple brushes and cleaning fluids that are not very effective. Now you can clean your vinyl records perfectly without the big expense.

The \$79 Spin-Clean Record Washer is simple and elegant, as most great inventions are. Fill the trough with water, add the supplied cleaning fluid, insert a record and spin it by hand three times. The internal brushes get off the dirt and the cleaning solution keeps it suspended, so when you pull out the wet record the dirt is left behind. Dry

it off and you are ready to go.

The simplicity and purity of its design makes the Spin-Clean very reliable and effective. In fact, I think the Spin-Clean did an even better job on extremely dirty records than my record-cleaning machine since Spin Clean totally immerses the record grooves as it scrubs them. If you listen to a lot of records and do not have a fancy cleaning machine, you need a Spin-Clean! You can see the product and a video demo at [www.spin-cleanrecordwasher.com](http://www.spin-cleanrecordwasher.com).

Contact Don Lindich at [www.soundadviceblog.com](http://www.soundadviceblog.com) and use the "submit question" link on that site.

**CUPERTINO, Calif. (AP)**—Apple Inc. says there is a problem with its latest mobile operating system that is shortening the battery life of iPhones, iPads and iPods that use the software.

Spokeswoman Natalie Harrison said Wednesday that a small number of customers have reported lower-than-expected battery life on devices running on the company's iOS 5 operating system.

She said Apple has found

bugs in the program and will release a software update to address them in a few weeks.

The latest iPhone, the 4S, comes with iOS 5.

Other devices can be upgraded to run the software: The iPhone 3GS or 4, iPads and an iPod Touch released in September 2009 or later.

Apple shares added \$1.59 to \$399 in aftermarket trading. Shares ended the regular session up 41 cents at \$397.41.

## Web Winners: Protect yourself

By **REID KANALEY**  
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Everyone needs to take responsibility for his or her own privacy protection, for guarding financial privacy and for avoiding identity theft. How can you do that? These sites point the way.

■ At Mainstreet.com, Matt Brownell names "8 things you should shred right now" to protect your identity. Those things include old tax returns that might contain your dependents' Social Security numbers, as well as your own; credit-card offers that someone—even another family member—might use to open an account in your name; canceled checks and all those credit-card convenience checks that you never asked for. <http://is.gd/4vJSIA>

■ Online shopping and banking can be a very secure way to do business, but it is important to remain vigilant in guarding your personal information and privacy. The Center for Democracy and Technology has some simple tips for transacting business online. Rule No. 1 is to supply personal information only over secure websites—those whose Web addresses start with "https" instead of "http."

Secure sites encrypt the information that you submit. Also, "don't use unsecured Wi-Fi" when you are doing business. You never know who else may be tapping into such wireless connections. <http://consumer-privacyguide.org/ocb>

■ The Privacy Rights Clearinghouse describes the loopholes that companies may be using to share your personal information when you don't suspect it. The clearinghouse says to assume that the burden for protecting your financial privacy is on you. This page goes into detail on how to find and interpret those densely worded privacy policies and privacy notices that, on close inspection, often seem to be taking away more privacy than they give. There is also a list of agencies and links where you can lodge privacy complaints. <http://is.gd/qz18hz>

■ If you run a business that needs to collect sensitive consumer or employee information, stay on your toes. Here's the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Consumer Protection page on your legal responsibilities for properly collecting, protecting and disposing of that information. <http://is.gd/HERMVW>

## Life & Style

# Lohan's wings clipped by new jail, probation terms

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A judge made Lindsay Lohan's world a lot smaller Wednesday, ordering the long-troubled actress confined to a jail cell for 30 days and to the state of California when she is released.

The sentence by Superior Court Judge Stephanie Sautner was aimed at keeping close tabs on Lohan, who acknowledged she recently violated court orders by getting booted from a community service assignment at a women's shelter.

Lohan has been in court numerous times since her legal problems began in 2007 with a drunken driving case.

Sautner warned the actress that more time behind bars awaited if she messed up again.

In reality, however, the initial 30-day sentence will be significantly shortened by jail overcrowding, and sheriff's officials said she may only be at the jail for a few hours. In 2007, the actress spent 84 minutes at the jail before being released, and in the past she has



Actress Lindsay Lohan listens as her attorney Shawn Chapman Haley speaks at her probation hearing in Los Angeles Superior Court Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011.

served about 20 percent of her sentence, which is roughly six days. The actual length of the term will be set by the Sheriff's Department, which oversees county lockups.

The 25-year-old actress has until Nov. 9 to report for her jail term, and Sautner ruled she cannot serve house arrest, as she did previously this year.

The sentence also requires Lohan to perform community service assignments at the county morgue, undergo psychotherapy sessions, and appear monthly at court hearings between December and March.

The judge also said Lohan can no longer leave the country and needs the permission

of her new "no-nonsense" probation officer to travel outside California.

In recent months, Lohan has been jet-setting, appearing in New York during Fashion Week and overseas for modeling gigs.

If Lohan fails to follow the terms imposed by the judge, she will be sent to jail for 270 days, Sautner said, explaining the approach was known as "putting the keys to the jail in the defendant's hands."

In court, the actress, wearing a polka-dotted dress, spoke only to acknowledge she understood the terms of her sentence.

Similar arrangements with Lohan have failed. A year ago, a judge in Beverly Hills sent her to rehab until January and told her if she stayed out of trouble, she would no longer be court-monitored and would be free to leave Los Angeles.

It was not to be. At rehab, Lohan was accused of battery on a worker, although charges were never filed. Within three weeks of her release, Lohan was accused of taking a \$2,500 necklace without permission and eventually pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor theft charge.

# Kim Kardashian: Intuition led to divorce decision

SYDNEY (AP)—A grim-looking Kim Kardashian said "intuition" led her to end her 72-day-old marriage, insisting in an Australian television interview on Thursday there was no "right or wrong" way to handle the situation.

The hosts of Australia's "Sunrise" program grilled the 31-year-old reality TV star on how hard she worked to save her brief marriage to pro basketball player Kris Humphries, asking whether she had sought counseling before filing for divorce.

"I think when you know so deep in your heart that you just have to listen to your intuition, and follow your heart," Kardashian replied. "There's no right or wrong thing to do."

Kardashian, who is in Australia with her sister Khloe to promote a line of handbags, has faced withering criticism since she filed for divorce from Humphries on Monday after just 10 weeks of marriage. Her lavish, black-tie wedding was featured in a two-part, four-hour special on the American entertainment network E!, and critics have called it a greedy, money-making publicity stunt that garnered her millions of dollars. E! executives denied they orchestrated the nuptials.

"I think what really just, I think, upsets me most is that there has been from the start so many rumors of money and dollar signs ... and so much of it not being true," Kardashian said.

But when pressed to more



directly address the accusations that the marriage was a sham, the stony-faced star replied: "I think that's all I'm really going to say about the situation right now, and just kind of focus on why we're here in Australia."

She and Khloe then quickly steered the conversation to their "Kardashian Kollection" handbags.

In a separate interview on Australia's Channel 10, Kardashian insisted she "married for love."

"Anyone that would get mar-

ried for a TV show—it's just, you know, ridiculous," she said. "And it's just sad that I even have to defend that."

She also said she has not decided what to do with her 20.5-carat engagement ring, or with the gifts she received from her \$172,000 wedding registry.

Kardashian rose to fame after a sex tape featuring her and a former boyfriend went public. She parlayed her notoriety into modeling gigs, a lucrative reality TV empire and fashion and beauty lines.

Celebrity Kim Kardashian signs her autograph during the launch of her fashion accessory range at a department store in Sydney, Australia, Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011.

## E! says didn't orchestrate Kardashian wedding

NEW YORK (AP)—The E! television network says any insinuation that it orchestrated Kim Kardashian's lavish wedding "is completely false."

The network reacted to public questioning about the validity of the reality TV star's marriage to Kris Humphries. The

## Rushdie tweet tweaks Kardashian on brief marriage

NEW YORK (AP)—"Satanic Verses" novelist Salman Rushdie has turned satiric in a series of Twitter feeds about the doomed marriage of reality TV star Kim Kardashian.

Kardashian announced this week she was filing for divorce from professional basketball player Kris Humphries

wedding, televised on E!, was the highlight of the marriage: Kardashian announced this week she was filing for divorce after 72 days.

E! said in a statement that "the Kardashians have authentically lived their lives on camera for a long time and Kim's

after 72 days.

Rushdie tweeted late Tuesday: "The marriage of poor kim (pound)kardashian was krushed like a kar in a krashian"

"her kris kried, not fair! why kan't I keep my share?"

"But kardashian fell kleaan outa fashion."

Rushdie tweeted on (at)

wedding is one of the many real-life events that the family has shared with viewers."

Kardashian announced the divorce on her website, and some of the nearly 2,500 comments there Wednesday questioned whether the wedding was all for show.

SalmanRushdie his inspiration was that he was challenged and he "Can't resist a challenge."

Kardashian has apologized to fans for her failed marriage. She says she plans to donate the gifts from the couple's \$172,000 wedding registry to the Dream Foundation, which helps adults facing life-threatening illnesses.

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**Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy**  
Crime, Comedy • Rated PG 13

### Synopsis

The workers at a posh Central Park condominium plot to steal back their pensions from the thieving Wall Street billionaire who's about to get away with the ultimate white-collar crime in this heist comedy starring Ben Stiller and Eddie Murphy. Financial giant Arthur Shaw (Alan Alda) has just been placed under house arrest in his luxury New York City penthouse for cleaning out his investors to the tune of two billion dollars. Meanwhile, on the complete opposite end of the financial spectrum, Josh Kovacs (Stiller) earns a modest living as the manager of the luxurious building where Shaw resides. Upon learning that the tower staffers who entrusted Shaw with their retirement funds are about to lose their life earnings, and that the thief will likely get off scot-free, Josh recruits crafty swindler Slide (Murphy) to help get their money back.



### A Very Harold and Kumar Christmas

Friday		4:10	7:10	9:45
Saturday	1:10	4:10	7:10	9:45
Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:10	
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**John Cho, Kal Penn, Neil Patrick Harris**  
Comedy • Rated R



### Puss in Boots

Friday		4:05	7:05	9:35
Saturday	1:05	4:05	7:05	9:35
Sunday	1:05	4:05	7:05	
Mon thru Thurs		4:05	7:05	

**Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek**  
Children's/Family • Rated PG



### In Time

Friday		4:20	7:20	9:40
Saturday	1:20	4:20	7:20	9:40
Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20	
Mon thru Thurs		4:20	7:20	

**Justin Timberlake, Amanda Seyfried**  
Thriller • Rated PG 13



### The Three Musketeers

Friday		7:25	
Saturday	1:25	7:25	
Sunday	1:25	7:25	
Mon thru Thurs		7:25	

**Logan Lerman, Milla Jovovich**  
Adventure • Rated PG 13



### Paranormal Activity 3

Friday		4:15	7:15	9:50
Saturday	1:15	4:15	7:15	9:50
Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15	
Mon thru Thurs		4:15	7:15	

**Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman, directing**  
Thriller, Horror • Rated R



### Footloose

Friday		4:25	9:55
Saturday		4:25	9:55
Sunday		4:25	
Mon thru Thurs		4:25	

**Kenny Wormald, Julianne Hough**  
Musical, Drama • Rated PG 13



### Real Steel

Friday		4:30	7:30	10:00
Saturday	1:30	4:30	7:30	10:00
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## Bieber spokeswoman denies he fathered a child

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An allegation that Justin Bieber fathered a baby by a woman who has filed a paternity suit is “demonstrably false,” a spokeswoman for the singer said Wednesday.

Melissa Victor said in a statement that Bieber’s camp will “vigorously pursue all available legal remedies” in response to the allegation.

“While we haven’t yet seen the lawsuit, it’s sad that someone would fabricate malicious, defamatory and demonstrably false claims,” Victor said.

Online court records show



In this Sept. 8, 2011 file photo, singer Justin Bieber attends the Fashion Night Out Dolce & Gabbana event at the Dolce & Gabbana store in New York.

Mariah Yeater filed a paternity lawsuit against Bieber, 17, on Monday in San Diego Superior Court. California law keeps paternity matters confidential but Radar Online posted a copy of the lawsuit on its site.

Yeater, 20, said she had sex with Bieber after one of his concerts at the Staples Center in October 2010, according to the posted suit. She said she gave birth to a boy in July and believes the teen heartthrob is the father because there were no other possible men she had sex with at that time.

She is asking a judge for child support and a paternity test.

Yeater’s attorneys said in a statement provided to The Associated Press that their client isn’t seeking a large amount of money from Bieber.

Yeater “is pursuing a modest and rightful claim,” lawyers Lance Rogers and Matthew Pare said. “There is credible evidence that Justin Bieber is in fact the father of her baby.”

The attorneys also note that Bieber hasn’t denied he had unprotected sex with Yeater following the concert.

## Gaga launches foundation with MacArthur, Harvard

NEW YORK (AP)—Lady Gaga is launching a foundation with the help of the MacArthur Foundation and Harvard University.

The Grammy-winning singer announced Wednesday that she is launching the Born This Way Foundation, a nonprofit focusing on youth empowerment and “issues like self-confidence, well-being, anti-bullying, mentoring and career development.”

Gaga’s partners include the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, The California Endowment and the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University.

The foundation will be directed by the 25-year-old singer and her mother, Cynthia Germanotta.

“Together we hope to estab-

lish a standard of Bravery and Kindness, as well as a community worldwide that protects and nurtures others in the face of bullying and abandonment,” Gaga said in a statement.

The multiplatinum singer is known for speaking out for others. She recently said she wanted to meet with President Barack Obama to discuss her concerns over bullying, and she visited Maine last year to support the repeal of the military’s “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy on gays.

She has won Grammys, released three platinum efforts—including her latest album, “Born This Way”—and has a massive online presence: The singer has over 15 million Twitter followers and 44 million Facebook fans.

## NPR host Cornish moving to ‘All Things Considered’

WASHINGTON (AP)—NPR says “Weekend Edition Sunday” host Audie Cornish has been assigned to co-host the popular weekday show “All Things Considered” when Michele Norris temporarily steps down.

NPR announced Wednesday that Cornish will join the weekday show for one year beginning in January. Norris recently stepped down because her husband has joined President Ba-

rack Obama’s re-election campaign as a senior adviser.

Cornish was named host of “Weekend Edition Sunday” this year. Previously she covered Capitol Hill and the 2008 presidential campaign.

NPR says it will search for a new host to take over the weekend show for 2012 until Cornish returns.

Cornish will co-host “All Things Considered” with Melissa Block and Robert Siegel.

## ‘Survivor’ winner Ethan Zohn’s cancer returns

NEW YORK (AP)—Former “Survivor” winner Ethan Zohn’s cancer has returned.

Zohn’s publicist confirms doctors discovered cancer in his chest in September. News of the diagnosis was first reported by People.com.

Zohn was diagnosed with Stage 2 Hodgkin’s disease in 2009. Two rounds of chemotherapy didn’t work, and he underwent a stem cell transplant. He was in remission until his latest diagnosis.

The 37-year-old is undergo-

ing a new form of chemotherapy called SGN-35, which involves an antibody drug that zeroes in on cancer cells and is thought

to be less toxic to the rest of the body.

Zohn says he hopes to undergo another stem cell transplant after three months of treatment.

Zohn competed on the current season of CBS’ “The Amazing

Race” with his girlfriend, fellow “Survivor” champion Jenna Morasca. They were sent home in the second episode.



Zohn

## High school teacher wins top French literary prize

PARIS (AP)—A high school teacher won France’s top literary prize Wednesday for his first novel, which deals with France’s colonial wars in Algeria and Southeast Asia.

The Prix Goncourt was awarded to Alexis Jenni for “L’Art français de la Guerre”—“The French Art of War.” Jenni teaches biology at a high school in the French city of Lyon.

As is tradition, the award was announced at Paris’ Drouant restaurant, where the prize committee meets each month during the year to discuss the selection.

The prize comes with just a

euro10 (\$13) purse, but guarantees acclaim and significant sales for the winning author. Past recipients have included Marcel Proust, Simone de Beauvoir and Marguerite Duras.

Jenni’s novel was the clear favorite, according to jury member Didier Decoin, who said it won 5-3 in the first round of voting.

Last year, Michel Houellebecq, a best-selling French author who has fanned controversy with his writings and comments on women and Islam, won for his work, “La Carte et Le Territoire”—“The Map and The Territory.”



### NO SALE

In a Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011 file photo, Edgar Degas’ “Little Dancer Aged Fourteen” is displayed at Christie’s auction house, in New York. The bronze sculpture by the French Impressionist master has failed to find a buyer at Christie’s New York auction of impressionist and modern art. It had a pre-sale estimate of \$25 million to \$35 million. The auction was Tuesday night, but there were no bids. The 40-inch high work depicts a standing ballerina wearing a satin hair ribbon and a fabric tutu. The original was made of tinted wax. After his death in 1917, Degas’ heirs had 28 cast in bronze. Most are in museums. Ten are in private hands, including the one that was offered at Christie’s.

## It’s time for single mom to pull on big-girl pants

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



DEAR ABBY: I am a 38-year-old mom and have been single for the last 10 years. I live alone with my 11-year-old daughter and support us without assistance. I work full-time and rely on my mother to take my daughter to school and pick her up while I’m at work.

Because of this, anytime I try to have any kind of relationship with a man, my mother turns against me.

She acts like I no longer exist as long as I try to have a love life. Please give me some advice on what to do.

MISSING SOMETHING IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR MISSING SOMETHING: I’ll try. It is time to become less emotionally dependent on your mother. At age 38, you do not need her blessing to date, and you should make that fact clear to her. If she punishes you for expecting to be treated like the adult you are, then arrange other transportation for your daughter. As long as you allow her to run your life, you will not have a life of your own.

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DEAR ABBY: My daughter and I had a little disagreement the other night when I entered a restaurant holding my seven-day pill container in my hand. (I had decided to leave my bulky purse in the car.) When we sat down, I placed the container on the table next to my place setting. Doing this helps me to remember to take the pills with my meal.

My daughter said it was “tacky” to show my pills and container. I feel it wasn’t tacky at all, but my way of taking care of my health. After going back and forth on this subject, I told her I would get your opinion. My husband took my daughter’s side.

LOOKING OUT FOR MY HEALTH IN ESCONDIDO, CALIF.

DEAR LOOKING: Allow me to even up the odds by taking YOUR side. Certain medications must be taken with food, and if bringing the pill container with you ensured that you wouldn’t forget to take your dose in a timely manner, then more power to you. That your daughter and your husband would criticize your manners in a case like this troubles me more than any “breach of etiquette” that might have occurred. And, by the way, what you did wasn’t one.

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DEAR ABBY: You sometimes publish letters regarding random acts of kindness. I know people like to share how blessed they are that others have given to them. Well, I would like to share how being the giver is a blessing as well.

My children and I eat lunch out on Saturdays. Most recently, we went to one of our favorite restaurants. As we were being seated, I noticed an elderly gentleman eating alone. He read the paper, ate his meal and kept to himself. I was struck by how alone he seemed to be. All during the lunch, I couldn’t shake the feeling that I should reach out.

Finally, I gave in. I went to the counter and paid for his meal.

When the waitress brought our check to the table, she asked if we knew the man. I responded no, that we just wanted to do something nice. She then confided to me that he was a regular there, but she hadn’t seen him lately because he had just lost his wife.

Abby, I was so glad I had followed my heart and reached out. I can only pray that he was as pleased by my anonymous gift as I was to give it.

RECEIVING BY GIVING IN ILLINOIS

DEAR RECEIVING BY GIVING: I’m sure he was. Your letter illustrates the pleasure that comes when we follow the dictates of our hearts. I applaud your generous gesture.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**BANK OF GUAM,** Plaintiff, }  
 }  
 } **Civil Action**  
 } **No. 11-0169 CV**  
**v.** }  
 } **AMENDED**  
 } **SUMMONS**  
**FRANKLIN** }  
**JOEL R. CRUZ** Defendant. }

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT, FRANKLIN JOEL R. CRUZ:**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED** to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT within twenty (20) days after service of this AMENDED SUMMONS upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI Superior Court, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewee, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this AMENDED SUMMONS, judgment by default pursuant to the rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

SO ORDERED on this 8th of September, 2011.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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Email resume to cmi.gencon@gmail.com

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1-Commercial Cleaner and 1-Houseworker Minimum of 1 or 2 yrs work related experience. Interested individuals may contact Ronny's Rental at 235-0001.

1-Accounts Payable/Payroll Accountant-\$5.05-\$6.50/hour, Bachelor's Degree in Bus. Admin., 5 yrs. experience, knowledge in JD Edwards software, SageABRAPayroll modules preferred, willing to work off-site. Qualified US applicants may mail resume to RR & Associates, PO Box 504039, Saipan, MP 96950 or call (670) 233-8391.

2-Heavy Equipment Operator. Must have at least 3 years work experience in construction business. Interested Qualified US Workers can drop resume to ASC Arch Structure Corporation Chalan Kiya, Saipan.

1-Auto Mechanic, 1-Fisherman, 12 Housekeeping/Janitorial Cleaners. \$5.05/hr. Contact 235-8097 to fax resume or email to janilos2007@gmail.com. SANDOR COMPANY

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**Job Announcement for Qualified U.S. Citizens**

**Position: 1 tour Coordinator**  
**Salary: \$5.05/hr**  
**Duties and Qualification Requirement:**  
Coordinate all incoming schedules, assist in customer tour participation, explain in Japanese for all forms needed to be read and signed. Contacting other tour company for scheduling and reservations and other related duties as assigned to. Fully able to read, write and speak fluent Japanese. Must have at least 2 years experience in tour related activities.

**Position: 2 Marine Sports Coordinator**  
**Salary: \$5.05/hr**  
**Duties and Qualification Requirement:**  
Assist in coordinating all incoming schedules, assist in tour and marine sports participation. Explain in Japanese for all forms regarding sales promotion and schedules of the company's daily activity and perform other related duties as assigned. Fully able to speak fluent Japanese. Must have at least 5 years experience in marine sports sales related activities.

**Position: 3 Life Guard**  
**Salary: \$5.05/hr; Flexible Time Schedule**  
**Duties and Qualification Requirement:**  
Must monitor activities in swimming areas to prevent accidents, check for hazardous objects that may cause harm or damage. Caution swimmers regarding unsafe areas. Rescue swimmers in danger or drowning. Must be able to administer CPR and First Aid and perform other related duties as assigned. Must be High school graduate with at least 2 years experience as a life guard. Must possess unexpired Life Guard, CPR and First Aid certificates (American Red Cross).

**Position: 1 Manager, Marine Service**  
**Salary: \$5.05/hr**  
**Duties and Qualification Requirement:**  
Direct activities of boat services, according to knowledge of maintenance need of small craft and marine safety requirements. Confers with owner or crew of vessel to obtain maintenance history and details concerning condition of craft. Observes and listen to vessel in operation to detect unsafe or malfunctioning equipment and leaks or other flaws in hull and superstructure. Must be able to repair/overhaul boat engine (gasoline or diesel) and other related duties as assigned. Employer Preference: College graduate with at least 5 years experience and must be able to perform the job duties.

**Position: 1 Operations Manager**  
**Salary: \$5.05/hr**  
**Duties and Qualification Requirement:**  
Plan, direct or coordinate the operations of company, manage daily operations. Oversee activities directly related to making products or providing services. Manage staff, preparing work schedules and assigning specific duties. Coordinating with other department heads as required and other related duties as assigned to. College graduate with at least 5 years experience, preferably in managing water sports activities.

**Position: 1 Houseworker**  
**Salary: \$5.05/hr**  
**Duties and Qualification Requirement:**  
Perform household tasks. Minimum 5 years work experience. High school graduate or equivalent. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak/understand foreign language is a plus.

Interested applicants may submit their RESUME to the Marine Sports Center counter located at the beach side of Hafadai Beach Hotel not later than November 09, 2011.

**Tropical Leisure Sports, Inc.**  
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Email: tlssaipan@gmail.com

**WHITE HOUSE ENTERPRISES is looking for:**

**(1) General Manager (Guest Relations)**  
**Qualifications:** Requires at least a high school graduate, associate's degree preferred. A minimum of five years of work-related skill, knowledge or experience. Willing to work late hours. Must speak Korean and Japanese languages.  
**Duties:** Plan, direct or coordinate the operation of the company. Formulate policies, manage daily operations, purchasing, hiring. Implement strategies and setting overall direction of the company. Oversee and directs the company's financial goals, objectives and budgets. May prepare organizational budget and monthly financial reports. Interact with guests and assists customers. Perform other related duties.

**(1) Salesperson**  
**Qualifications:** High school graduate. A minimum of five years of work-related skill, knowledge or experience.  
**Duties:** Assists customers in finding what they are looking for. Try to increase sales by describing a product's features, demonstrating its uses and promoting its value. Conduct financial transactions with customers, receive payments and operate cash registers. Help stock shelves or racks, arrange for delivery of purchases, mark price tags, take inventory and prepare displays. Perform other related duties that may be assigned.

**(1) Bookkeeping/Accounting Clerk**  
**Qualifications:** Requires at least an associate's degree in accounting, bachelor's degree in accounting preferred. A minimum of five years of work-related skill, knowledge or experience in a law firm. Must be literate in computer and computer applications and proficient in the use of software such as Peach Tree, Excel, Word, and Quickbooks. Requires ability to work under pressure.  
**Duties:** Maintains accounting records including expenditures, receipts, accounts payable and receivable, and profit and loss. Prepares bank deposits, handle payroll, make purchases, prepare invoices and keep track of overdue accounts. Posts details of transactions, total accounts and computes interest charges. Ensures completeness and accuracy of data on accounts. Reconciles bank statements. Cashiering, invoicing. Prepares financial statements, reports and summaries. Computes taxes owed and prepared tax returns. Performs other related duties as may be assigned.

Salary commensurate with experience.

Applications may be submitted to White House Enterprises at Dandan, Saipan, Tel. No. 235-1616. All applications must be accompanied by a current resume.

**Job Vacancy Announcement**

**Household Worker (1)**  
Salary \$ 5.05 per hour.  
Responsibilities include general household work, cooking, and related tasks. Knows how to operate washing machine, vacuum cleaner and cooking appliances, trustworthy, reliable, and willing to work flexible hours for families and other business clients. Employee must have at least two years experience.  
Submit resume to: Pete A Consulting, P.O. Box 500042, Saipan MP 96950 no later than Thursday, November 10, 2011.  
Call for interview: 483-5870

Saint Joseph Catholic School  
Job Vacancy Announcement

**(2) Teacher**  
**(1) Teacher Aid**

Interested applicants may call 433-7527 for more information

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**MICRONESIAN LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION**

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**Executive Director**



Micronesian Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) provides free legal services to people of limited financial means in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Republic of Palau. The administrative office is located in Capitol Hill, Saipan. MLSC is seeking applications for the position of **Executive Director**, who will work at the Capitol Hill Office.

**Qualifications:**  
A J.D. degree, or the equivalent, and at least ten years of relevant professional legal experience, preferably in the area of providing free legal services to those of limited financial means.

**General Responsibilities:**  
The Executive Director acts as the chief executive officer of Micronesian Legal Services Corporation, and is appointed by and accountable to the Board Directors of MLSC. The Executive Director is responsible for insuring the economical and effective delivery of legal services and the maintenance of the highest quality of services and professional standards.

**Duties Include:**

- Develop and implement strategies to fulfill the goals of MLSC as set by the MLSC Articles of Incorporation and Board of Directors.
- Adopt rules and policies in furtherance of action taken by the Board of Directors.
- Assure implementation of and adherence to MLSC policy, in conjunction with the Deputy Director and as set forth in the Client Service Manual, Office Policies Binder, Personnel Manual, all job descriptions, and other MLSC policies.
- Assure compliance with Legal Services Corporation Regulations and instructions and funding conditions, in conjunction with the Deputy Director.
- Make staff hiring and termination decisions in accordance with personnel policies.
- Propose a budget annually to the Board of Directors, which includes staff size and configuration, staff benefits, office space and equipment, and all other expenditures.
- Supervise the preparation of the annual Refunding Application to the Legal Services Corporation and respond to inquiries regarding the Application.
- Work with Micronesian governments in conjunction with other staff members regarding annual appropriations to MLSC, and coordinate applications for other sources of funds.
- Maintain productive relations with the Board of Directors, Legal Services Corporation, and governmental and non-governmental institutions whose actions have an effect on MLSC.

**Compensation and Benefits:**  
Compensation is dependent upon experience. Benefits include health insurance, annual leave, sick leave, and employer contribution to a 401(k) program. Please submit a resume and letter of interest by November 20, 2011, to:  
**By mail:** Micronesian Legal Service Corporation  
P.O. Box 500269, Saipan, MP 96950  
**By email:** co@mlscnet.org

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**Job Vacancy Announcement**  
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 P.O. Box 503534 CK Saipan, MP 96950  
 Tel. # 287-9968/email-lanqiangl@hotmail.com

**Job Vacancy Announcement**  
**ALLIED CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION**  
**(1) Accountant**  
 Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. At least 5 years experience in general and cost accounting. Knowledgeable in PII Accounting Software Inventory and Payroll. Salary: \$9.65-\$13/hr.  
 Interested qualified US workers can send resume to  
 jimmy@pticom.com. No phone calls please.

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**1 Kitchen Helper**  
**2 Cook**  
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 Contact Ms. Regina S. Manibusan  
 Tel no. 288-4121

**Job Vacancy Announcement**  
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**1-Commercial Cleaner**  
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 Closing date is November 4, 2011.

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 Must have 5 years experience in video footage & editing using professional video cam, high school graduate, to work flexible hours, Monday to Sunday in Tinian. Interested applicants may submit resume to KP Store @ HuangShun Bldg., San Jose, Tinian or e-mail resume to kpent@pticom.com

**LIAO TI CORP**  
 JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT  
**1 General Manager, 5 Cosmetologist & 3 Masseuse**  
 Interested applicant must send resume to  
 PMB 2082 Box 10002 Saipan, MP 96950  
 Tel no. 233-8998

**Milne's Realty Management is looking for:**  
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 E-mail resume to maryann\_milne@yahoo.com.  
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**Job Vacancy Announcement**  
**Operations Manager**  
 Interested qualified US workers may fax, email, or submit in person, a resume and police clearance.  
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 Application deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011, 4:00 p.m.  
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**1 - Office Manager.** Min. of 5 years experience & knowledge in Internet, MS Words/Excel. Needs to speak & write in English, Korean & Chinese. Must provide own car. 4 yrs. College Degree. Must be able to work even on weekends. Green card or US. Citizen preferred. \$ 5.05/hr.  
 Send resume to sylviaacnmi@gmail.com

**Triple M's Corporation**  
**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**(2) Cook, (5) Baker,**  
**(4) Beautician, (1) Maintenance**  
**& (1) Certified Therapist**  
 Minimum 5 yrs work experience, willing to work flexible hours. Submit resume at Fong's Bakery in Chalan Kanoa, Tel no. 235-1071

**Job Vacancy Announcement**  
**TE IVI MAORI INC.**  
**(1) Farmer**  
 Must have at least 2 – 5 years work related experience  
 Interested applicant must send resume to  
 P.O. Box 502890 Saipan, MP 96950  
 Tel no. 235-6531 or email jasonmine@hotmail.com

**XYC CORPORATION**  
 Job Vacancy Announcement  
**(1) Manager, (1) Car Washer & (1) Tire Repairer**  
 Must have at least 2 – 5 years work related experience  
 Interested applicant must send resume to  
 PMB 1188 Box 10003 Saipan, MP 96950  
 Tel no. 235-7835 or email 307664684@qq.com

**Job Vacancy Announcement**  
**ZHIYE CORPORATION**  
**(1) MANAGER, (2) SALESPERSON,**  
**(1) STORE KEEPER**  
 Must have at least 2 – 5 years work related experience  
 Interested applicant must send resume to  
 PMB 193 Box 10003 Saipan, MP 96950  
 Tel no. 287-2238 or email 183468840@qq.com

**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**Administrative Assistant/Collector (1)**  
 Bachelor's Degree at least 10-15 years experience working w/ a collection agency.  
 Qualified US worker should apply in person at  
 Reliable Collection Agency, Inc.  
 ICC Bldg. 2nd flr Suite No. 4 Gualo Rai Saipan.

**1 - Cook.** Min. of 5 years experience. Must be able to cook Chinese & Korean food. Must speak English, Korean and some Chinese preferred. Needs own car and housing. Must be able to work even on weekends. Experience in buying food and supplies. \$5.05/hr.  
 Send resume to sylviaacnmi@gmail.com

**EAST TELECOM CORPORATION**  
 Job Vacancy Announcement  
**(1) Manager, (2) Technician & (2) Saleswomen**  
 Must have at least 2 – 5 years work related experience  
 Interested applicant must send resume to  
 P.O. Box 505577 Saipan, MP 96950  
 Tel no. 235-4418 or email minjh@pticom.com

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**Job Vacancy Announcement**  
**(2) Video Sales Clerk**  
 3 years work experience  
 Requirements: To entertain and assist customers in movie selection for rental or purchase; must have a broad background in movies entertainment; prepare reports monthly - for DVD stock inventory. Daily cleanup of premises; good customer relation and sales skills; able to read and write English language; must be computer literate; must be 18 yrs of age or older; must provide police clearance and health clearance; must be of good character and dress neatly; Flexible days off. Salary: \$5.05.  
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**1-Farmer**  
 High School Graduate or equivalent with at least 5 years of work experience in farm related work. Plant vegetables, fruits, and trees; keep plants stay fresh; water plants and feed animals such as pigs, cows and chickens. Must be flexible and willing to reside at the farm of the employer or place of employer. Must know how to use and operate farm equipment such as lawn mower, bush cutter or tiller.  
 Salary: \$5.05 per hour (house not included).  
 If you are interested, please submit your resume or Bio-data.  
 Contact Jun Cabrera Consulting Services at 285-0028.

**Job Vacancy Announcement**  
**1 - Maintenance Worker**  
 Salary: \$5.05 per hour.  
 Interested individuals may contact  
 Debra Camacho  
 at 235-3627

**Job Vacancy Announcement**  
**ASIA 360 INC.**  
**(1) Accountant:** At least 5 years work experience in wholesale business. Must have a Bachelors Degree in Accounting. Proficient knowledge in Microsoft Office, Peachtree Accounting and Quick Books accounting software. Salary: \$10.00 - \$11.50/hr  
**(1) Administrative Assistant:** 2 years experience in wholesale business. Proficient knowledge in Microsoft Office,  
 Interested Qualified US Workers may send resume to rbval11@yahoo.com

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 Hagatna, Guam 96910  
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 Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment. Salaries will be commensurate with qualification and experience. For applications to be considered, they should be sent to hrd\_l&t@tanholdings.com not later than November 8, 2011  
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**MICRONESIAN LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION**  
**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**  
 Opening Date: Oct. 14, 2011 • Closing Date: Nov. 04, 2011  
 Micronesian Legal Services Corporation is looking for self-motivated individuals to fill the following positions:  
 1. **General Accountant**  
 With Bachelor's Degree Major in Accounting. With minimum of 5-years experience in General accounting. Must be familiar with Peachtree Premium Accounting system. Working knowledge of Microsoft Office software. Must be familiar with CNMI/Federal Tax system. Must be familiar with FSM, RMI & Palau's Tax System. Salary depending on experience.  
 2. **Computer Support Specialist**  
 Must have a course certificate or equivalent college degree in Computer Technology. With minimum of 5-years experience in computer, network and telecommunication systems. Must be familiar with Kemps Case Management Software. Salary depending on experience.  
 Please send your resume and current Police Clearance to: admin.central@mlscnet.org; fax to: (670) 322-7101 or mail to: P.O. Box 500269 Saipan, MP 96950.  
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**JUNG DONG ENT.**  
**1 Building Maintenance Worker**  
Qualifications: High school graduate. A minimum of five years of work-related experience, knowledge or skill required. Must have strong skills and knowledgeable in building maintenance. Must be able to repair and maintain buildings, machinery, electrical and mechanical equipment. Must have basic knowledge and work experience doing carpentry, plumbing, electrical, masonry. Maintain tools, equipment, or structures, such as buildings, greenhouses, fences, or bench using hand or power tools. Minor repairs on small engines. Must be responsible and self-motivated. Must be hard-working, and able to follow directions well. Must be honest, dependable and trustworthy.  
Duties: Maintain and repair machines, mechanical equipment and buildings. Work on plumbing, electrical and air-conditioning. Build partitions, make plaster or drywall repairs and fix or paint roofs, windows, doors, floors, woodwork and other parts of building structures. Trouble shooting and fixing faulty electrical switches, repairing air-conditioning motors and unclogging drains. Inspect and diagnose problems and determine best way to correct them. Obtain supplies and repair parts from distributors or storerooms. Use common hand and power tools and specialized equipment and electronic testing devices. Replace or fix worn or broken parts or make adjustments to correct malfunctioning equipment and machines. Perform routine preventive maintenance and ensure that machines continue to run smoothly, building systems operate efficiently and the physical condition of buildings does not deteriorate.  
 Salary commensurate with experience.  
 Applications may be submitted to Jung Dong Ent. at Dandan, Saipan, Tel. No. 235-2151.  
 All applications must be accompanied by a current resume.

Pacific Basin Insurance Company  
**Accountant (1) (Insurance)**  
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 • Bachelor degree in Accounting  
 • Knowledge in Peachtree Complete Accounting Software  
**Account Manager (1) (Insurance)**  
 • Minimum of 5 years experience  
 • Bachelor degree in Accounting  
 • Knowledge in Peachtree Complete Accounting Software  
**Computer Analyst (1) (Insurance)**  
 • Minimum of 2 years experience  
 • Bachelor degree in Computer Science or related field  
**Insurance Manager (1) (Insurance)**  
 • Minimum of 5 years experience  
 • Bachelor degree in Commerce or Education  
 • Knowledge in QuickBooks software  
**Insurance Underwriter (1)**  
 • Minimum of 2 years experience  
 • Bachelor degree in Commerce or Education  
 Interested applicants please apply at Pacific Basin Insurance Co. and email resume to pacificbasin.ins@gmail.com  
 \*An Insurance written test may be required\*

**New Sunrise Corporation**  
 Job Vacancy Announcement  
**(4) Transportation Driver**  
**(12) Taxi Driver**  
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# Dodgers headed to bankruptcy court auction



**NEW YORK (AP)**—Maybe a “For Sale” sign should be erected outside Dodger Stadium.

Team, ballpark, land and television rights available. Price: \$1 billion and up.

The process of finding a new owner for the Los Angeles Dodgers began early Wednesday when current boss Frank McCourt and Major League Baseball released a joint statement saying they had agreed to a court-supervised sale of the once-glamorous and now bankrupt franchise.

In the long-term, the deal will allow the Dodgers to move ahead and try to get back to baseball's elite. But the club's fans may well have to endure another season adrift as the sale works itself out.

While the sides hope for a quick deal, giving McCourt the money to pay his divorce settlement by April, MLB sales sometimes drag on for six months to 1 1/2 years. Once bidders are identified, the court is likely to conduct an auction.

“Baseball can choose to have their approval process move like molasses in winter or like Castor oil through a baby,” said Marc Ganis, president of Sportscorp, a Chicago-based consulting firm.

The price likely will break the record for a baseball franchise, topping the \$845 million paid by the Ricketts family for the Chicago Cubs in 2009.

Investors will be solicited by the Blackstone Group, McCourt's investment banker. Dallas Mavericks co-owner Mark Cuban and Pittsburgh Penguins co-owner Ron Burkle, who

lives in California, have been mentioned as possibilities. Asian investors have made inquiries.

Former owner Peter O'Malley also told the Los Angeles Times he'll work on forming an ownership group. “I want to reconnect the team and the community,” O'Malley said.

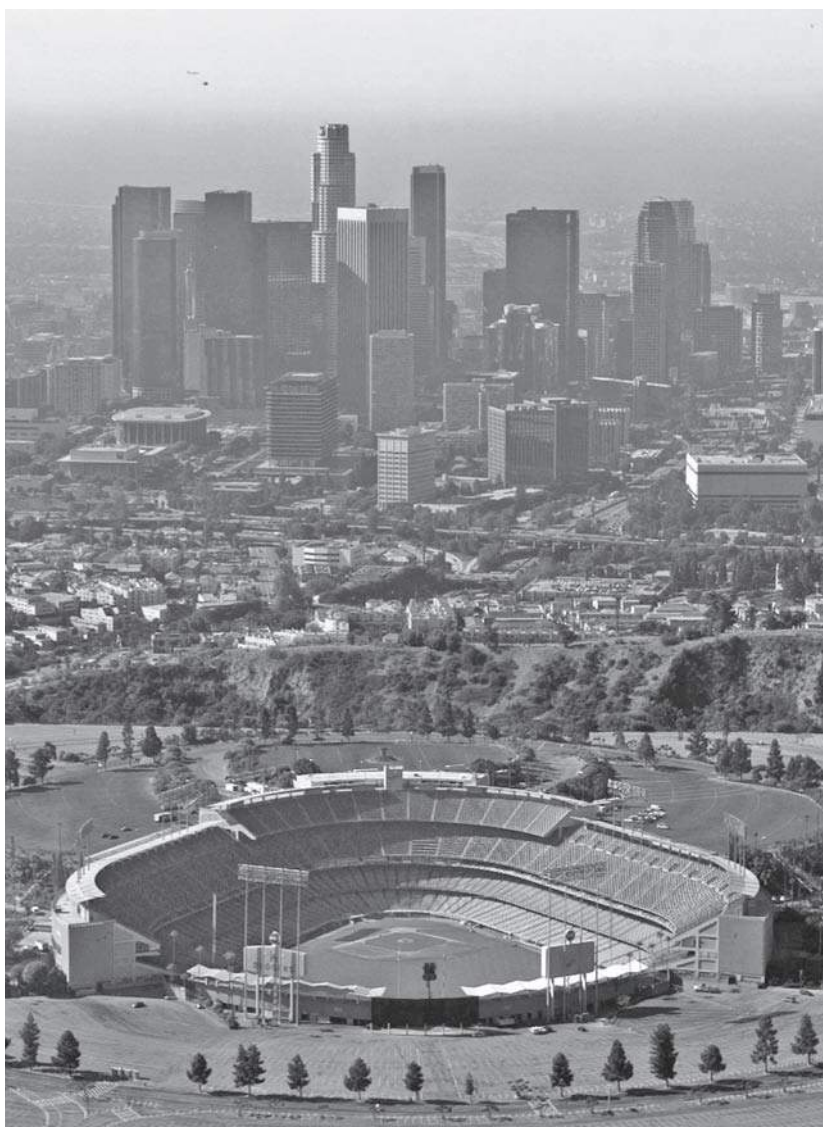
Former agent Dennis Gilbert, a friend of Chicago White Sox chairman Jerry Reinsdorf, hopes to put together a group. Former Dodgers Steve Garvey and Orel Hershiser have said they might be interested, as has former general manager Fred Claire.

Claire is aligned with former Oakland Athletics President Andy Dolich and former Dodgers batboy Ben Hwang, who brought in the financial backers. Claire, the Dodgers' GM from 1987-98, assumes the price will be \$800 million to \$1 billion and up.

“I've been working on this venture since early July,” Claire said. “My motivation is to see the Dodgers be what they need to be in the community.”

Given the future broadcasting rights at stake and their ownership of regional sports networks in southern California, News Corp. and Time Warner Inc. have been considered possible bidders, as could The Walt Disney Co. But News Corp. is out, an executive said.

“Contrary to questions I got today, we're not buying the Dodgers,” News Corp. chief operating officer Chase Carey told analysts on a conference call Wednesday. “Sports rights are probably becoming more complicated. I think it's just a reality of the marketplace. ... Outside Southern California, we've got pretty long-term agreements in place. I



This Oct. 3, 1995 file photo is an aerial view of Dodger Stadium with the downtown Los Angeles skyline in the background. Embattled Los Angeles Dodgers owner Frank McCourt and Major League Baseball reached an agreement late Tuesday to sell one of the sport's most storied franchises, ending a seven-year run that included four trips to the postseason before recently becoming mired in legal troubles capped by a filing for bankruptcy protection.

financing will have to be arranged.

“And you've got plenty of FOBs interested in the Dodgers,” Ganis said, referring to “Friends of Bud” - Commissioner Bud Selig.

Blocked from building a ballpark in San Jose, A's owner Lew Wolff could be injected into a bidding group. Boston Red Sox chairman Tom Werner - a former San Diego Padres owner - lives in southern California. Milwaukee owner Mark Attanasio also is from California.

“I'm very interested in having the sale occur for everybody involved,” said Wolff, a successful L.A. real estate developer. “As far as my interest in purchasing the Dodgers, I don't have any. I'm interested in getting a new venue for the A's.”

But would Selig, Wolff's fraternity brother at Wisconsin, ask Wolff to join a bidder?

“That would be absurd,” Wolff said. “The Dodgers are going to go to an auction, and the highest bidder hopefully will revitalize the franchise.”

Attanasio also said he doesn't want to own the Dodgers.

“The question was asked of Mark earlier this year and the answer hasn't changed,” Brewers spokesman Tyler Barnes said. “He is committed to Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Brewers.”

Asked whether he had interest, Werner responded in an email: No, but thanks for asking.”

Winners of six World Series titles but none since 1988, the Dodgers have been in various states of turmoil since October 2009, when Frank and Jamie McCourt separated and Frank fired her as the team's chief executive officer.

A California judge invalidated a postnuptial agreement last December, allowing Jamie to seek half ownership of the team.

feel we'll be able to navigate Southern California reasonably well.”

Real estate companies may join in,

given the land the Dodgers own in Chavez Ravine that potentially could be developed. Massive amounts of bank

## Epstein fires Cubs manager Mike Quade

**CHICAGO (AP)**—Theo Epstein is looking for a new manager to lead the Chicago Cubs. He knows exactly the type of candidate he wants, too.

In his first major on-field move since becoming the team's president of baseball operations, Epstein fired Cubs manager Mike Quade on Wednesday and began the search for his replacement. The move came one day after the club introduced new general manager Jed Hoyer and scouting/player development head Jason McLeod.

Epstein, who joined the Cubs a little more than a week ago, quickly laid out the qualifications he has in mind for the team's next manager. One of those is managerial and/or coaching experience in the major leagues, which would eliminate a popular fan choice in Cubs Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg.

“The next manager must have leadership and communication skills; he must place an emphasis on preparation and accountability; he must establish high standards and a winning culture; he must have integrity and an open mind; and he must have managerial or coaching experience at the major league level,” Epstein said.

Epstein spoke with Sandberg on Wednesday and let him know that he wasn't in the Cubs' plans. Sandberg, who managed in Chicago's minor league system and left the organization after Quade was chosen to replace Lou Piniella during the 2010

season, does not have major league managerial or coaching experience. Sandberg managed Philadelphia's Triple-A team last season and could be a candidate in St. Louis.

Another potential candidate in Chicago could be Terry Francona, Epstein's manager in Boston who did not return to the Red Sox after their epic September collapse. Another name that's been mentioned is Tampa Bay Rays bench coach Dave Martinez, who once played for the Cubs.

Epstein fired Quade but made sure he did it in person by traveling to Florida. He called Quade an “outstanding baseball guy” but said it was time for a change.

Quade got the job after the Cubs went 24-13 during a 37-game interim audition at the end of the 2010 season. He had replaced Piniella - who retired - on an interim basis.

But the Cubs then stumbled through another disappointing year, finishing fifth in the NL Central with a 71-91 record that extended their infamous World Series championship drought to 103 years.

Epstein and Hoyer had a long meeting with Quade last week. Epstein had another lengthy conversation with him after a news conference Tuesday to introduce Hoyer and McLeod.

“While Mike is clearly an asset to any organization and any major league staff, Jed and I believe that the Cubs

would benefit long-term from bringing in a manager for 2012 who can come in with a clean slate and offer new direction,” Epstein said.

He said the search for Quade's replacement would begin immediately. Quade had a year left on his two-year deal. His only season as manager was filled with criticism and questions.

Such as, why didn't he intentionally walk Albert Pujols in an extra-inning game in St. Louis? The Cardinals' star then hit a game-winning homer. Why did he leave starter Randy Wells in so long against the White Sox, resulting in another tough loss?

Why didn't he play September call-ups more with the Cubs so far out of contention?

Quade's season got off to a difficult start when the Cubs lost two members of their starting rotation, Andrew Cashner and Wells, in early April. It didn't get much better.

Quade was ejected seven times in his first season and he got in a screaming match with starter Ryan Dempster, one of the clubhouse leaders. His general manager, Jim Hendry, was fired during the season. Ryan Theriot, now with St. Louis, at one point said the Cubs were playing like a Triple-A team and mercurial right-hander Carlos Zambrano was a handful all year, criticizing his own closer and then cleaning out his locker after giving up five home runs to Atlanta.

## Red Sox interview Dale Sveum for manager's job

**BOSTON (AP)**—Dale Sveum remembers both good times and tough times in Boston.

Now, he'd like another chance with the Red Sox—as manager.

Boston interviewed Sveum, currently the Milwaukee Brewers' hitting coach, for its open managerial job on Wednesday.

A third base coach with the Red Sox in 2004 and 2005, Sveum was the second person interviewed by the Red Sox this week. The club brought in Philadelphia Phillies bench coach Pete Mackanin on Monday.

“It was the greatest experience I could ever have; we won the World Series in '04,” said Sveum, who turns 48 this month. “For being a coach or a staff member or whatever you want to call it, it's the ultimate place you want to be.”

Sveum has some big-game managerial experience on his resume, albeit a brief stint in Milwaukee. He managed the Brewers for the final 12 games of the 2008 regular season and the playoffs after Ned Yost was fired.

“You never know until you're thrown right into the fire, but then I felt right at home,” Sveum said.

He and Mackanin both hope to get the job vacated when Terry Francona left following a record September collapse. After holding a nine-game lead in the wild-card race through Sept. 3, the Red Sox missed the playoffs with a loss on the final night of the regular season.

Sveum's time in Boston wasn't always full of great moments. He was criticized a number of times for his

aggressive approach that had runners cut down at the plate.

“The thing about when I was judged as a third base coach, you get scrutinized,” he said. “I'm glad I was scrutinized for being aggressive instead of passive. I'm not a passive person. I'm a very aggressive person and always have been.”

But he thinks that spending time with the Red Sox gives him a better understanding of the intensity in Boston.

“The thing about the passion of the fans here and the media, it was kind of - I don't want to say it was comical - but if you do the same thing in Milwaukee, there's nothing said about it,” he said. “Don't get me wrong, I made a couple of decisions I'd like to have back or a couple of comments in the paper.”

Red Sox general manager Ben Cherington thinks Sveum's experience with the Red Sox could help.

“We wouldn't be hiring him as third base coach,” Cherington said. “I think if we're signing a player or trading for a player that we think is going to do a really good job in right field and make a mistake and make him a shortstop, I don't see how that's relevant.”

“He's done a lot of things in baseball. He's been a third base coach, a bench coach, a hitting coach, a manager and managed in the minor leagues a long time. I think we look at his entire body of work. I think in some ways being a third base coach is a benefit to him. He's been through some adversity. A lot of our candidates haven't been through that.”

# NBA asks NY judge to clear obstacle in talks



**NEW YORK (AP)—**Is the NBA lockout legal or not under antitrust laws?

That's the question league attorneys want a federal judge to answer—before players potentially file an antitrust lawsuit as the NFL Players Association did during football's recent lockout.

U.S. District Judge Paul Gardephe, however, expressed reluctance Wednesday to wade into the NBA's labor mess.

In oral arguments in Manhattan, NBA attorney Jeffrey Mishkin said the NBA Player's Association is using the possibility of an antitrust fight like "a loaded gun" on the negotiating table and urged Gardephe to reject the union's request to toss the league's lawsuit.

Mishkin said the NBA is seeking the court's blessing for its actions so that the union stops threatening an antitrust fight to gain an upper hand in negotiations.

"They prefer the uncertainty," Mishkin said of the union's effort to get the lawsuit tossed out. "It's like taking a loaded gun and laying it on the table."

Gardephe brushed aside Mishkin's argument, saying



In this file photo, NBA Commissioner David Stern listens during a news conference following NBA labor talks meeting between basketball players and owners in New York.

posturing is part of negotiations.

"If they've put the gun on the table, it's not clear there are any bullets in it," the judge said. "The courts discount threats of litigation in the context of collective bargaining."

The NBA locked out its play-

ers July 1, and Commissioner David Stern already has canceled all November games.

Progress has stalled since talks broke off last Friday over the revenue split. The union's executive committee plans to meet Thursday in New York, a

person with knowledge of the plans told The Associated Press. The person requested anonymity because the plans have not been made public.

Player's Association president Derek Fisher and executive director Billy Hunter each sent

a letter to members earlier this week denying reports about a rift among the leadership.

Union lawyer Jeffrey Kessler said in court Wednesday that the NBA case should be tossed out because the league was trying to get the court involved on the

mere possibility there would be an antitrust fight.

"They have no case," he said. "They're seeking to do something unprecedented, inappropriate."

Mishkin insisted the league had to act to stop threats that were hampering negotiations. He said the union was prepared to dissolve itself, a necessary legal step before individual players could bring antitrust actions against the league in federal court.

"They've already collected the cards. They can do it at any moment," he said. "We don't have to wait. We don't have to be subject to their whim."

"We want to get the antitrust threat out of the bargaining."

Gardephe did not immediately rule, but he questioned Mishkin at length and was skeptical of his arguments, saying at one point that the NBA lawsuit contained a "fair amount of speculation."

The judge indicated that for all the talk of tangling, the two sides were speaking different languages. Gardephe said reading the written briefs prior to the hearing was like watching "two ships passing in the night."



## ORCHARD PARK, N.Y.

**(AP)—**Overlooked and discounted for much of his career, Buffalo Bills running back Fred Jackson can't even get a break in his own home.

"My wife took me in the fifth round," Jackson said, shaking his head in mock frustration while discussing where his wife, Danielle, selected him in a football fantasy draft this year.

"She's in a league with family and friends and told them not to touch me," Jackson said. "But I told her I'm not going to continue to sit there while she's skipping over me."

It wouldn't be the first time Jackson's been skipped over. Not that getting ignored has ever stopped him.

The Division III Coe College product, who didn't get a sniff at the NFL until after two years of arena football and a stop in NFL Europe, Jackson has used his head-down, hard-pounding rushing style to bully his way into joining the league's elite tier.

In playing a key role in the Bills' 5-2 start, Jackson's fourth in the league with 721 yards rushing and second with 1,074 yards from scrimmage. And his yards from scrimmage total is more than Hall of Famer Thurman Thomas ever produced through seven games with Buffalo, and second-most in team history behind O.J. Simpson, who had 1,106 in 1975.

It's enough to have Jackson grab a mention as an NFL mid-season MVP candidate as the Bills prepare to host the New

## RB Jackson: Bills promising new contract

York Jets (4-3) on Sunday.

And it's enough for Jackson to have finally captured the Bills' attention in regards to renegotiating the two years left on his contract.

Jackson revealed Wednesday that three weeks ago he received "some assurance" from general manager Buddy Nix that the Bills are open to restructuring the deal. Jackson wasn't provided a timetable, but said he has "faith" something will be done.

Based on his production, Jackson is vastly underpaid this season, in which his base salary of \$1.75 million makes him the team's 24th highest paid player.

"Hopefully, something happens sooner than later, but I can't control that," he said. "The only thing I can control is what I do on the football field."

Jackson's been an unstop-

pable force this season. He's had 100 yards rushing a league-leading five times this season, and is coming off yet another breath-taking performance in which he had 194 yards from scrimmage in a 23-0 win over Washington last weekend.

If quarterback and Harvard graduate Ryan Fitzpatrick is regarded as the brains behind this Bills offensive operation, Jackson has been the heart.

"As far as Fred Jackson goes, this team will go," receiver David Nelson said. "He's our horse."

Coach Chan Gailey went one further in saying that in his 37 years of coaching, he's never had a player produce with such consistency.

"He catches, he runs, he protects. He's doing an amazing job," Gailey said. "We wouldn't be where we are without him."

Fitzpatrick has begun paying tribute by wearing a Jackson T-shirt being sold around Buffalo. It features an illustration of Jackson and the words "FredEx Delivers" across the chest.

"If you want to crown an MVP, the guy that really gets this thing going is Fred," Fitzpatrick said.

As much as it seems like Jackson has burst out of the blue, it's been a long and winding road for someone who's put up remarkable numbers at each stop.

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Rob Hanrahan, the Bills pro personnel coordinator, recalled in 2005 when he and then-fellow scouting assistant Kevin Meganck first watched a grainy video of Jackson's arena league highlights. His performance was good enough to get him a tryout and eventually a spot in NFL Europe.

And yet, Hanrahan never envisioned Jackson would be this good.

"He capitalized on the opportunity and he's never looked back," he said. "He took advantage of everything he got, and he's earned everything he's got."

Hanrahan credits Jackson's perseverance, because it's the rare player who reaches the NFL in this fashion, let alone makes such an impact.

"He's kind of like a needle in the haystack," Hanrahan said. "I'm grateful we've got him here."

Jackson didn't know what his future held—the Canadian Football League, perhaps—had the Bills not contacted him.

"If I don't get that phone call, I didn't think the NFL was possible," he said. "I put up ridiculous numbers in that (arena) league, and there was no way I could top what I did that year."

Now he's putting up eye-popping numbers in the NFL in helping both the Bills and, yes, his wife's fantasy team, even though he was the second running back Danielle drafted behind Atlanta's Michael Turner.

"She told me she's happy she got me," Jackson said. "She's in first place right now, and she said it's because of me. So I want half of the winnings, then."

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## NFL asks game officials to watch for concussions

**NEW YORK (AP)—**The NFL has told its game officials to watch closely for concussion symptoms in players.

Ten days after San Diego guard Kris Dielman sustained a head injury against the Jets and later suffered a seizure on the team's flight home from New York, the league's injury and safety panel issued the directive Wednesday.

"Our game officials will receive concussion awareness training and will remain alert to possible concussions dur-

ing games," league spokesman Greg Aiello said. "If an official believes a player may have suffered a concussion, he should take appropriate steps to alert the team and get medical attention for the player."

Dielman was concussed with approximately 12 minutes remaining in the Oct. 23 game, after which he struggled to maintain balance. He finished the game despite the head injury and was not assessed until after the loss to New York.

The Chargers did not mention

any injuries following the game and only announced Dielman's injury shortly before the team boarded a plane for San Diego.

Dielman suffered a grand mal seizure near the end of the charter flight, although he was cleared of all long-term complications surrounding the concussion and seizure.

The Chargers came under scrutiny for how they handled Dielman's injury, but coach Norv Turner said at the time he believed the team dealt with the situation as best it could.

"Everything was handled extremely well," Turner said. "All the proper precautions were taken. Kris was evaluated when we landed and all the tests were excellent. We're fortunate, he's fortunate and we're moving on."

Dielman never came out of the game despite intermittent signs of struggle, although he performed well as a blocker. The Chargers said they never saw a reason to evaluate their Pro Bowl left guard.

Dielman sat out Monday night's loss at Kansas City.

# Ayuyus, MHS QT's win in MISO boys volleyball league

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The Kagman High School Ayuyus swept the Saipan Southern High School Manta Rays during their game in the 2011-2012 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Boys Volleyball League last Wednesday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Southern came to play at the start, but KHS managed to take the opening set, 25-19, and hung on to escape with a 27-25 victory in the second for the automatic win. With a win off the table, Southern did not lay down, but in the end KHS went on to finish the sweep, 15-11.

The win put KHS in a tie for third place with MHS QT's, as



A Marianas High School Awesome Fins player digs up a serve during their game against Grace Christian Academy in the MISO boys volleyball league last Wednesday at the MHS Gymnasium.

## Appreciate Pacquiao without Mayweather



**LAS VEGAS** (AP)—By now the routine is a familiar one for Manny Pacquiao.

Twice a year he leaves his native Philippines—where he doubles as a congressman—to train with Freddie Roach in a Los Angeles gym. He goes on “Jimmy Kimmel Live” to croon a tune or two, then heads to this gambling city.

Come fight night, high rollers and celebrities will jostle for the best seats ringside on the glittering Las Vegas Strip. Back home, a nation will watch and wait.

And, as always, he'll fight someone not named Floyd Mayweather Jr.

The routine won't change this

time. A week from Saturday, Pacquiao will get in the ring with Juan Manuel Marquez, a fine Mexican lightweight who is probably the closest thing to an actual rival that Pacquiao has faced.

Unlike Mayweather's last fight—a farce with Victor Ortiz —no one is going to get cheated out of the \$59.95 they spend to buy the bout on pay-per-view. The two fighters have already gone 24 very close rounds together, and appear eager to do it again.

Still, it's not the fight that fans really want to see. It's not the fight fans deserve to see.

It's also not Pacquiao's fault.

He wants to match skills with the fighter who claims to be one of the best ever. He welcomes the opportunity to make \$40

million or so in what would be boxing's richest fight ever.

When it comes to negotiations, though, no one is answering the phone at Money Mayweather's world headquarters.

“Why isn't that fight happening?” promoter Bob Arum asked Wednesday. “Because Floyd knows he's going to get beat.”

That's the prevailing theory in the Pacquiao camp, anyway. No reason for Mayweather to fight Pacquiao, they believe, when he can make \$25 million or so for fighting guys like Ortiz when his schedule permits.

Just what Mayweather thinks is hard to say. He couldn't be reached Wednesday and his manager, Leonard Ellerbe, promised to return a call but didn't.

Mayweather, though, claimed before fighting Ortiz in September that he was more than willing to fight Pacquiao, as long as there was Olympic-style drug testing for both fighters.

“I'm not ducking and dodging,” Mayweather said. “I'm not hiding from any opponent. If you're the best, take the test and it will happen.”

It's a line Mayweather keeps repeating. It's also a line he should retire.

Because Pacquiao is willing to take the test. Anytime and anywhere.

“Let me put it in the clearest terms possible,” Arum said. “We're willing to agree to Olympic drug testing without any conditions. We're ready to make the fight—assuming Manny wins this one—without any conditions.”

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ter crushing four records last month. The Saipan Community School student made two of the 9 to 10 age group marks during the All Schools meet. In the 200m freestyle, the Saipan Swim Club swimmer clocked in at 2:28.04, passing the 2:29.37 Kaito Yanai of Tsunami Saipan recorded on May 29, 2010 during a tournament in Guam. Then in the 100backstroke event, Akimaru submitted 1:25.57, surpassing the 31-year mark of

Keith Ludwick, who timed in at 1:26.08 on Oct. 5, 1980.

The 10-year-old's two other CNMI age group records came early last month during a pre-All Schools competition. Akimaru swam in the 50m freestyle and finished the event in 31.68 seconds to shatter the 31.67-second mark of Yanai (Feb. 20, 2010). In the 100m freestyle, Akimaru clocked in at 1:08.35 in the 100m free, erasing anew Yanai's record (1:09.34/May 22, 2010).

Meanwhile, Manacop and Omechelang were chosen October Male and Female Athletes of the Month after ruling Saipan

Bowling Association's roll-offs last month.

Manacop competed for two days of the Budweiser King of the Lanes monthly tournament and posted the highest scores on both days. In Day 1, he collected 846 pinfalls in four games to pace 11 other participants. The next day, Manacop earned 767 pinfalls, which also topped the group, awarding him the King of the Lanes crown for October.

Omechelang duplicated Manacop's feat when she logged a field best of 706 and 695 pinfalls in Day 1 and 2, respectively. She claimed the Queen of the

Lanes tiara against seven other female keggers.

Omechelang and Manacop are now qualified for the 2011 NMASA Male and Female Athletes of the Year awards. For Tan and Akimaru, they are eligible to win the 2011 NMASA Male and Female Student Athletes of the Year citations. The prestigious plums will be awarded next year and selection will be made in January 2011.

Meanwhile, sports associations are advised to turn in their nominations for the CNMI Sports Hall of Fame next month during the NMASA meeting on Dec. 1.

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Aquino and Budz Camacho turned in 16 apiece for Satbahi.

### Runnin' Rebels 80, Ol'Aces 79

Meanwhile in the second game, the Runnin' Rebels fended off a fourth quarter rally by the Ol'Aces.

Both teams started slowly, as the Ol'Aces managed a slim 14-13 lead after 10 minutes of play. Mike Olaitiman paced the Ol'Aces in the first quarter with his six points

The Rebels battled back and seized control at halftime, 40-32. Rodney Sacramento led the charge for the Rebels with eight points in the second quarter.

It went back and forth in the third period, but the Rebels hung on to a 61-54 advantage, heading into crunch time. Freddie Peliseman led the Ol'Aces in the third quarter with his 14 markers, while Kelvin Fitial managed eight points for the Runnin' Rebels and received more support from his teammates to keep the squad in front.

The Ol'Aces pulled off a late surge in the fourth, as Tony Diaz

came off the bench and scored 10 big points to go with eight more from Peliseman. However, they still fell a point short of forcing overtime.

Sahj Hossain canned six free throws in the fourth quarter to help seal the deal for the Runnin' Rebels. Hossain led the Rebels with 21 points, while Peliseman finished with a game-high 31 in the loss.

### First Game

**Konflikt 84** — Esdrelon 30, Devero 16, Sablan 12, Barrios 7, Abuel 6, Berline 5, Tamayo 3, Joyner 2, Aquino 2.

**Blue Haus Satbahi 79** — Aquino 16, Camacho 16, Talanina 13, Mangali 11, Peredo 9, De Dios 8, Manalo 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 14-14, 29-33, 54-46, 73-73, 84-79 (OT)

### Second Game

**Runnin' Rebels 80** — Hossain 21, Fitial 16, Sacramento 12, Ogomoro 11, Hambros 9, Litulumar 8, Lisua 3.

**Ol'Aces 79** — Pelisamen 31, T. Diaz 17, Olaitiman 9, E. Diaz 8, Z. Diaz 6, Van Buren 4, Kenty 2, P. Camacho 2

**Scoring by quarters:** 13-14, 40-32, 61-54, 80-79.

they hold similar 6-5 records. The MHS QT's notched its fifth win after defeating sister team KFC Fins in all three sets, 25-14, 25-17, 15-11.

Notably, the QT's have worked out quite a successful season and have managed to stay under the radar for the bulk of the season, while KHS started its season slow, but came together in the latter part of the competition.

As for KFC Fins, it was yet another rough outing for the young developing squad. KFC also came up short against the Saipan International School Geckos in three sets, 15-25, 2-25, 6-15. The KFC Fins is winless in the 12-game regular season.

In other results, the GCA Eagles are now a game away from capping a perfect regular season after defeating the Awesome Fins, 2-1.

The Eagles took the first set, 25-12, but were stunned by the Awesome Fins in the second,

17-25. Then the Awesome Fins kept GCA on its heels early in the tiebreaker set before the Eagles called a timeout and regrouped to bag the win, 15-3.

The regular season wraps up on Monday with GCA taking on Southern on the north court and KHS battling the MHS QT's in a tiebreaker match on the south end. Both games will start at 4pm.

Teams will get about a week of rest before playing in the postseason double-elimination tournament scheduled from November 15 to 17. Tinian High School is expected to join the competition and will automatically be issued the fourth seed in the bracket. Other teams' seeding will depend on their regular season records.

GCA (11-0) and SIS (10-2) are assured of the first and second spots, respectively, while the winner of Monday's KHS and QT's pairing will take the No. 3 ranking.

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The champion team is composed of Josiah Trinidad, Kimi and Joshua Tenorio, Serafina Rogoyawa, Noah Camacho, Alyssa Jade Nunez, Neill Conti, Matthew Mamaril, Chesca Dalusung, Alex Go, Angela Cruz, Mulan Ta, Billy Hinson, and new recruit Jonathan Libut, who transferred from Tinian.

“Jonathan was a great addition on the team. He has been playing volleyball on Tinian and when he moved here, he quickly adjusted and blended well with his new teammates,” Douglas added.

Libut went on to make it to the All-Conference Team, joining Mt. Carmel's Charlene Reyes, Calvary Christian Academy's Kevin Rhee, Whispering Palms' Aaron Lee, Marianas Baptist Academy's Fritz Trinidad, and Saipan International School's Emily Jones. GCA's Billy Hinson was not on the selected list,

but took the top individual honors this season when he was awarded the MVP trophy.

Hinson and Libut delivered clutch hits for GCA in a neck-and-neck first set, lifting the Eagles to a 29-27 victory in the extended opening set. In the second set, Whispering Palms managed to keep pace with GCA only in the first few plays, tying the game at 7-all, before the Eagles pulled away, 15-8. GCA never looked back and wrapped up the title game shortly when Whispering Palm's Tommy Choi returned the ball strong and the leather went pass the right sideline.

The victory over Whispering Palms allowed GCA to avenge its 2008 title lost to the Terns. The Eagles and Terns finished this year's regular season with similar 12-2 records and split their games. Whispering Palms took the No. 1 seeding based on points and defeated MBA in the semis to advance to the finals. GCA prevailed over SIS in the other semis pairing after getting a big break in the third set.

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the idea may work against the CNMI junior netters.

“We have the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships every year and our funds are already allotted to this competition,” Race said.

Race added that CNMI junior players also have other regular tournaments that may conflict with the schedule of the Pacific Youth Games if the plan pushes through.

Baseball's Tony Rogolifo and canoe's Gilbert Birnbrick agreed to Race, saying the Mini Games should not be replaced with the youth competition.

Northern Marianas Swimming Federation president John Hirsh on the other hand

welcomed the idea of having additional youth competition in the region. He said CNMI swimmers does not have much tournaments compared to other sports and when they do compete off-island, it's against older and tougher opponents.

“We have the FINA World Cup and FINA World Championships where our young swimmers compete against world champions,” Hirsh said.

Having the Pacific Youth Games instead of the Mini Games is one of the several proposals made during the Council meeting last month. Another one is having a uniform cost for countries participating in the Mini and Pacific Games.

NMASA members said the idea is nice, but it is not practical, especially at this time of economic crisis.



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## GCA regains JV volleyball title



The GCA Eagles flash the No. 1 sign after beating Whispering Palms in the junior varsity finals of the 2011-2012 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball League yesterday at the Mt. Carmel School Gymnasium.

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From last year's pushover to this season's top finisher.

Grace Christian Academy redeemed itself from a disappointing performance last year after clinching the junior varsity crown in the 2011-2012 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball League yesterday at the Mt. Carmel School Gymnasium in Chalan Kanoa.



The Eagles swept Whispering Palms in the finals, 29-27, 25-16, to regain the championship they lost last season to Saipan Community School. GCA, which ruled the 2009-2010 season after beating Mt. Carmel, failed to defend its title last year, as it placed seventh among eight teams in the regular season with a so-so 6-10 record and was knocked off early in the first round of the playoffs.

The Eagles played last season under new coach Jennifer Douglas, who struggled with her relatively young roster in her debut, but managed to build a better team this year.

"I was new to the team last year and some of the veteran players moved up to the varsity division, we my first year was all about building the foundation of the squad. Fortunately, after one season, players jelled and we were able to win this year," Douglas said.

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## Swimmers, bowlers are October's best

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The NMASA October Athletes of the Month awards were given to swimming's Angel Marie Tan and Kento Akimaru and bowling's Simon Manacop and Gloria Omechelang.

Tan was named NMASA Female Student Athlete of the Month after a record-swim in the 18th SSC All Schools Swimming Championships last month at the Kan Pacific



Manacop



Omechelang



Akimaru



Tan

Swimming Pool in Marpi. The 12-year-old Grace Christian Academy student posted 34.39 seconds in the 50m butterfly (girls 11 to 12) to eclipse the 34.48 seconds Amanda John-

son of SSC posted on March 28, 2004. The Tsunami Saipan mainstay won the 50m butterfly race against Hopwood Junior High School's Angel De Jesus and also prevailed in the 100m

freestyle event (1:27.75) to help GCA take the championship in the junior high school division.

Akimaru was the other student awardee for October af-

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## Konflikt slips past Satbahi in overtime

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Konflikt eked out an 84-79 victory over Blue Haus Satbahi in overtime as the Garapan Basketball League IT&E Cup finally kicked off last Wednesday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Ivan Devero and J.R. Barrios scored four points apiece in the extension to lift Konflikt to a season-opening win. No Blue Haus Satbahi player scored more than two points in the extra five minutes of the match and the team was held to only three field goals.

The league opener was neck and neck at the end of the first period, 14-all, with Satbahi's Elgene Mangali scoring six points and Konflikt connecting on a pair of three-pointers.

Then Satbahi pulled ahead at halftime, 33-29, thanks largely to the six markers of Marlon De Dios. Satbahi kept the pedal to the metal after the pause and stretched its lead to 54-46, heading into the fourth quarter. Budz Camacho led the surge with six points in the period.

Konflikt's Elmer Esdrelon caught fire in the clutch and exploded with a trio of treys for 17 points in the fourth quarter that ended in a dead-



lock, 73-all. Konflikt carried the momentum in the extension to pull off the comeback.

Esdrelon tallied 30 points in the game, while Bernard

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## Pacific Youth Games proposed

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The Pacific Games Council is proposing to have the Pacific Youth Games in place of the Mini Games.

"The proposal aims to convert the Mini Games to the Pacific Youth Games. The Council is still trying to get consensus from the PGA and nothing is definite yet," Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association president Michael White said during the NMASA meeting last Thursday at the

conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Mini Games is held every four years and feature lesser sports than the Pacific Games, which is also a quadrennial competition. New Caledonia hosted the 2011 Pacific Games in September, while Wallis & Futuna will have the 2013 Mini Games. The CNMI submitted a bid for the hosting rights of the 2017 Mini Games but lost to Vanuatu.

When asked to comment on the proposal, Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association president Jeff Race said

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